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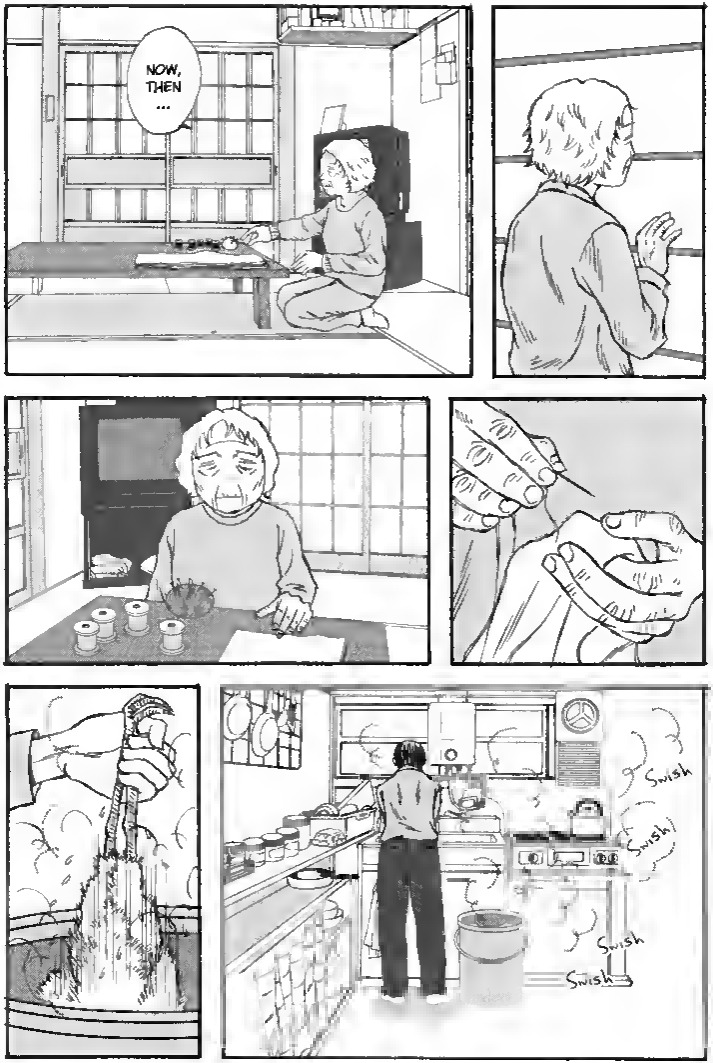
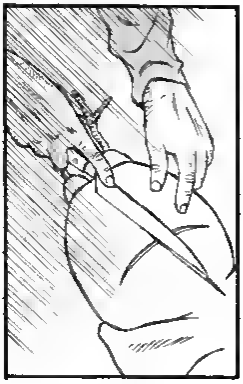
20. A WINTER DAY

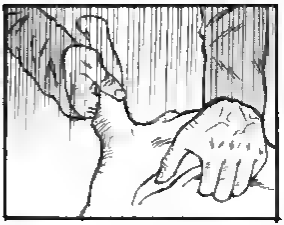
BRR
...
CATCH HER, HARUNA!
cluck cluck
SUGI-CHAN
SUGI-CHAN.
HERE SHE COMES!

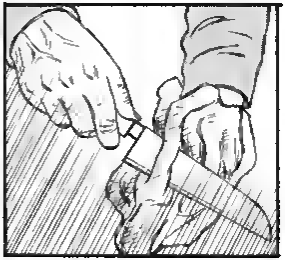
GOOD CATCH, HARUNA
GOTCHA!
MMM...
SHE'S SO WARM
TIME FOR A HOT BATH!
GIVE HER HERE
HUH !?

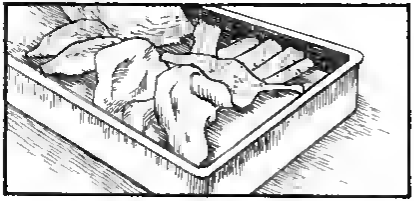
IT WAS WINTER WHEN WE KILLED PIIKO,TOO, WASN'T IT?
THAT WAS TWO YEARS AGO.
SHE STOPPED LAYING EGGS RECENTLY.
HE'S GONNA KILL HER.
.....
THE LIVER'S MINE, GOT IT !?
HEY!
OOF!


NOW, THEN ...
Swish
Swish
Swish
Swish

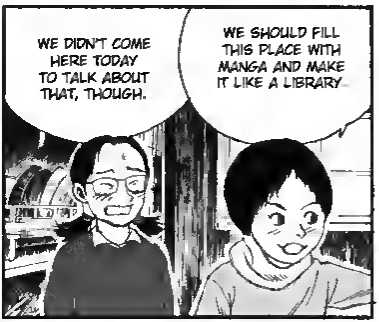








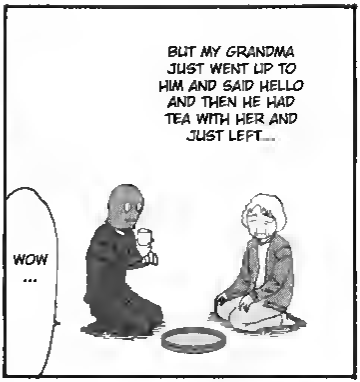
HEY
WE SHOULD PUT A CANDY BOX IN HERE
AND WE CAN ALL BRING SOME


WE DIDN'T COME HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THAT, THOUGH.
WE SHOULD FILL THIS PLACE WITH MANGA AND MAKE IT LIKE A LIBRARY

YOU'D PROBABLY JUST EAT IT ALL ANYWAY, PIGMAN
ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT IS EATING

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
HARUNA
IS GOING TO HAVE A BABY NEXT MONTH!
REALLY ...?
81
GRANDMA SAID SHE WOULD TALK TO MY MOM.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, THERE WAS A BURGLAR.
SHE'S KIND OF LEGENDARY
WILL IT BE OK ...?
I TRUST MY GRANDMA.

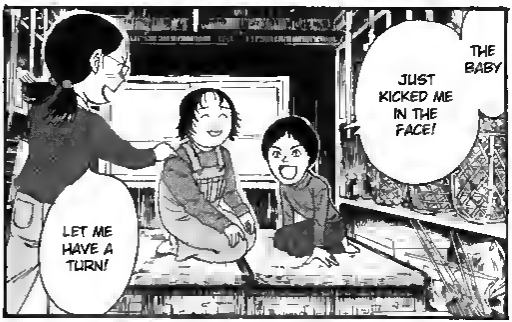
I BET SHE'LL BE ABLE TO GET ALL THE GROWNUPS ON YOUR SIDE
YEAH.


BUT MY GRANDMA JUST WENT UP TO HIM AND SAID HELLO AND THEN HE HAD TEA WITH HER AND JUST LEFT....
WOW ...

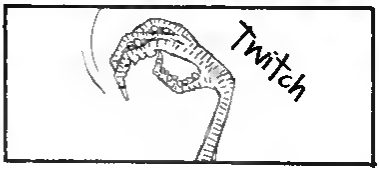
THIS TIME NEXT MONTH WE'LL BE HOLDING HARUNA'S BABY!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Ahahahaha...

SERIOUSLY!?


THE BABY JUST KICKED ME IN THE FACE!
LET ME HAVE A TURN!

Twitch
Twitch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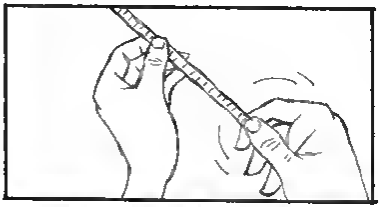
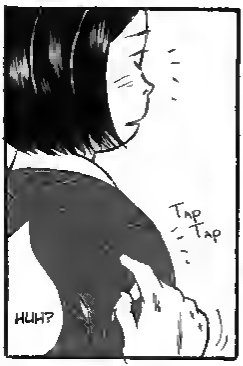



Tap
Tap
HUH?

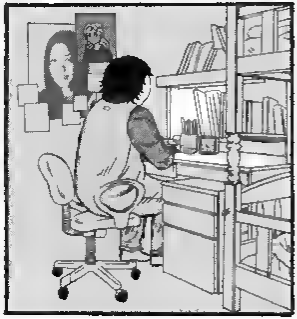
STOP FOOLING AROUND! I'M TRYING TO MAKE DINNER HERE!
HEY!
Grab
I'VE KNOWN SUGI-CHAN SINCE SHE WAS A CHICK...
YOU CAN SHARE IT.
IT'S MINE!
THE LIVER'S MINE, THOUGH, JUST SAYING!
.....
LIFE
IS FULL OF GOODBYES

NOTE: ITADAKIMASU IS A SET PHRASE SAID BEFORE EATING. IT IS LITERALLY A FORMAL WAY OF SAYING "I WILL TAKE THIS"

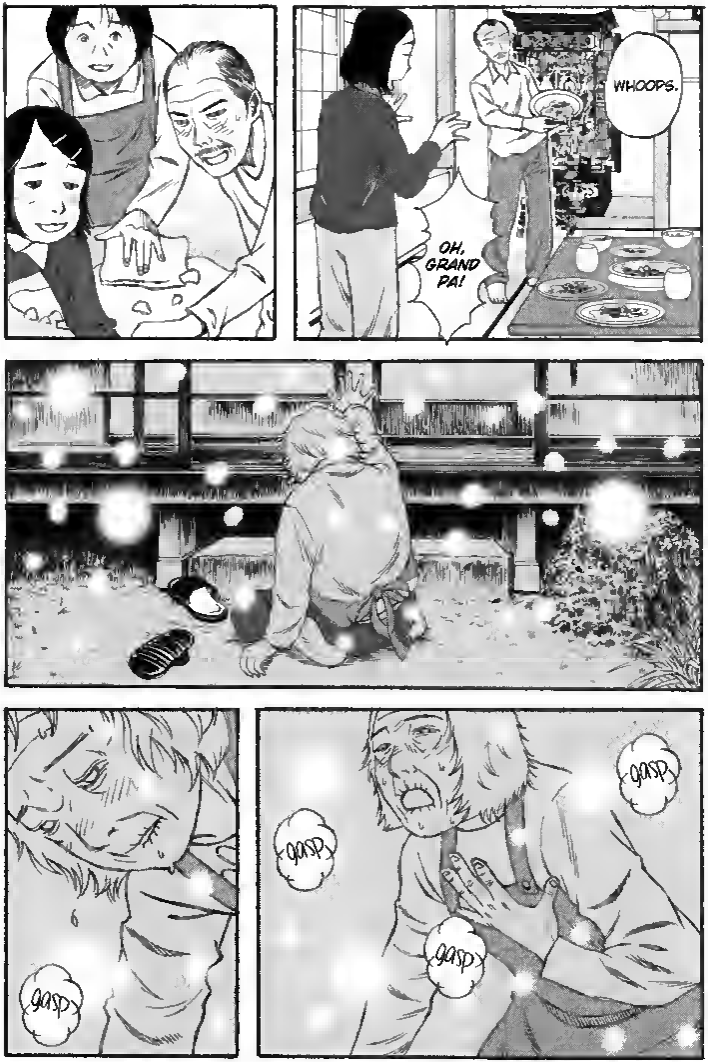
YOU HAVE TO SHOW YOUR THANKS
THIS IS A PRECIOUS LIFE WE'RE GOING TO EAT.
HEY!
SAY "ITADAKIMASU", HARUNA.
I ONLY ATE A BIT OF THE TSUKEMONO SO FAR
SAY IT SILENTLY.
I ALWAYS
ITADAKIMASU.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT...?
THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT AFTERWARDS...
SAEKO
YES?
GRANDMA...
OK...
AFTER I'M DONE WITH THE DISHES...
WELL, ALL RIGHT.

NOTE IT IS SPECIFICALLY A CHARM FOR AN EASY BIRTH



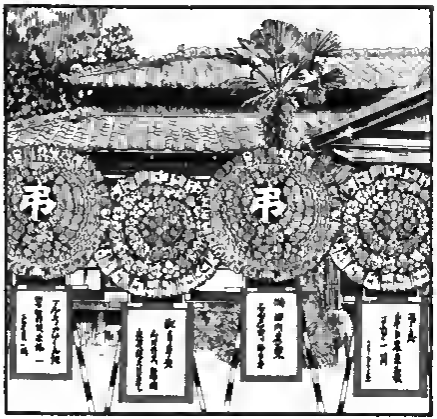
OH MY
IT'S SNOWING
GOOD GRIEF!
GRAND PA'S
LEFT HIS SLIPPERS OUTSIDE AGAIN!
BADUMP


WHOOPS.
OH, GRAND PA!
gasp
gasp
gasp
gasp

HA..
HARUNA-CHAN..

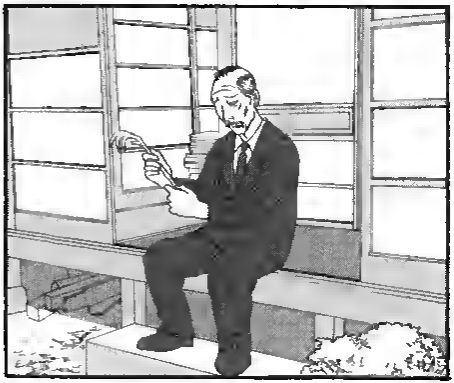
GRANDMA?
GRA..
GRAND-MA!

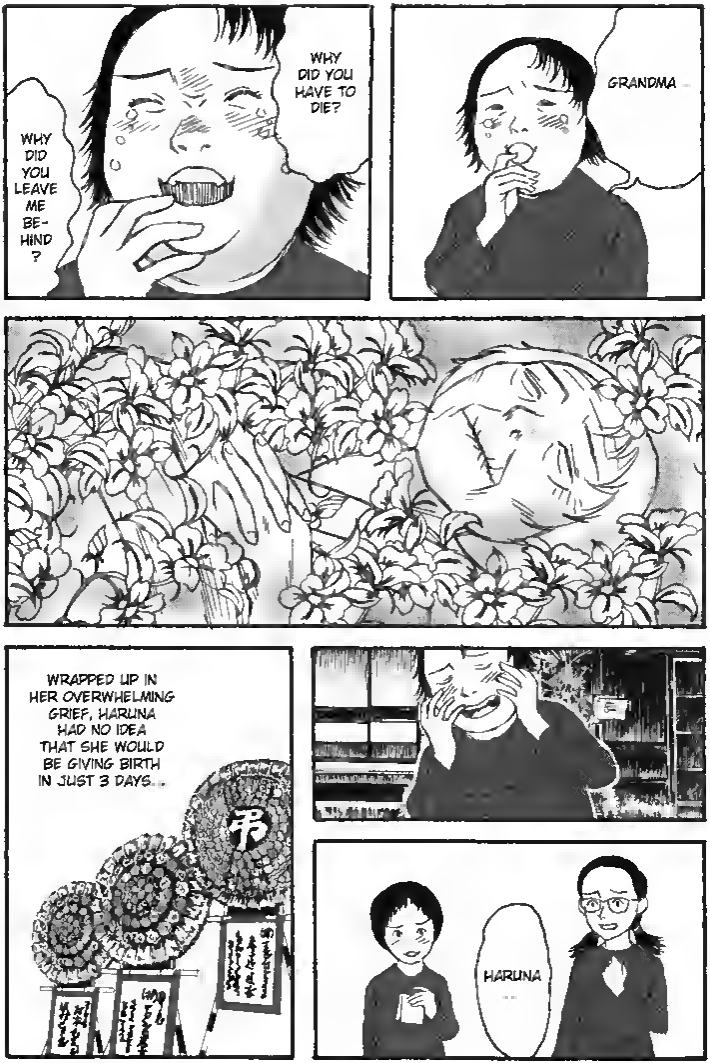
CONDOLENCES ON YOUR LOSS...



YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT...?
MOM
WHAT WAS IT

Twitch Twitch




WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME BE-HIND ?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DIE?
GRANDMA ...
WRAPPED UP IN HER OVERWHELMING GRIEF, HARUNA HAD NO IDEA THAT SHE WOULD BE GIVING BIRTH IN JUST 3 DAYS...
HARUNA ...

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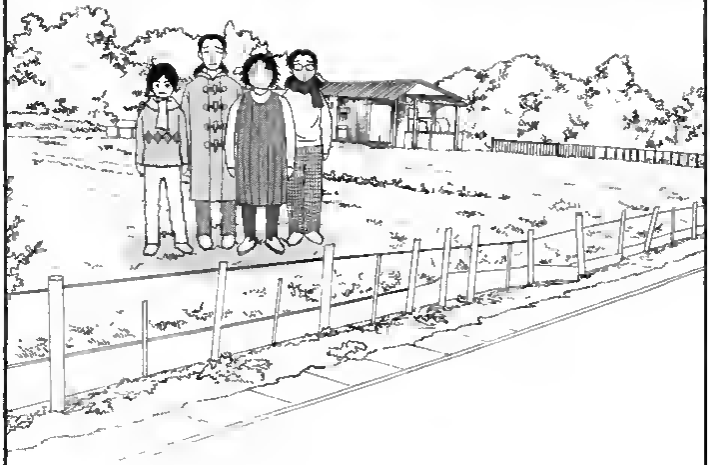
21. A SUDDEN PAIN



DAD
BREAKFAST IS READY
IS GRANDPA OK?
Stare...
LOOK AT THIS
WHAT IS IT, MOM?
I DON'T WANT TO EAT BREAKFAST
MY STOMACH HURTS

WHAT ON EARTH WAS SHE THINKING .?
IN GRANDMA'S DRAWER
I FOUND THESE
I'LL GET IT!
Running
GRAND MA...
YOU MADE THESE FOR ME ..?
...
DIAPERS
SQUEEZE

HEADSTONE. MOCHIDA FAMILY GRAVE

ON THIS DAY WHEN THE SHOCK OF HER GRANDMOTHER'S DEATH WAS STILL SO FRESH...

THE LONGEST DAY OF HARUNA'S LIFE WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN...

ARE YOU OK?
HARU NA
I DON'T THINK I AM
MY.
STOMACH'S REALLY HURTING
IT'S A GOOD THING THE SECRET HIDEOUT WAS NEARBY.

SORRY, GUYS YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE.
YOU CAN GO ON WITH-OUT ME.
I DON'T WANNA GO TO SCHOOL.
IT'S PRETTY WARM IN HERE.
WHEW..
NO ONE'LL BE LISTENING.
IT'S JUST YAGI-SEN'S CLASS ANYWAY.
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.
OH..
Dribble
IT DOESN'T HURT ALL THE TIME.
IT'S LIKE IT JUST COMES AND GOES IN WAVES.
WHAT'S THE PAIN LIKE?
HMM..

I JUST WET MYSELF.
I THINK...
SORRY...
HUH..?
WHAT IS IT, MIKA?
YOUR WATER BROKE ...
WHAT ..?
IT'S...

BUT YOU SAID IT'S STILL A MONTH UNTIL MY DUE DATE
WHAT ..?
NO WAY
CALM DOWN
HARUNA
MIKA ...
I DON'T...
THIS IS WHY
I ASKED GRANDMA.
I DON'T KNOW, EITHER !
WHAT SHOULD I DO, MIKA !?

WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE...
I DON'T KNOW ANY-MORE
WE HAVE TO FIND A GROWNUP !
ANYWAY WE
MIKA .
TAMA©, YOU GO GET MITSUO'S DAD!
MAYU©, YOU GO TO HARUNA'S HOUSE!
OK.

WE HAVE TO GO SHOW OUR THANKS
HUH?
WHERE ARE YOU ALL GOING?
TO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO GRANDMA'S FUNERAL
ALL RIGHT, FINE
GIVE ME A RIDE. I'M GONNA BE LATE!
VROOOOOM

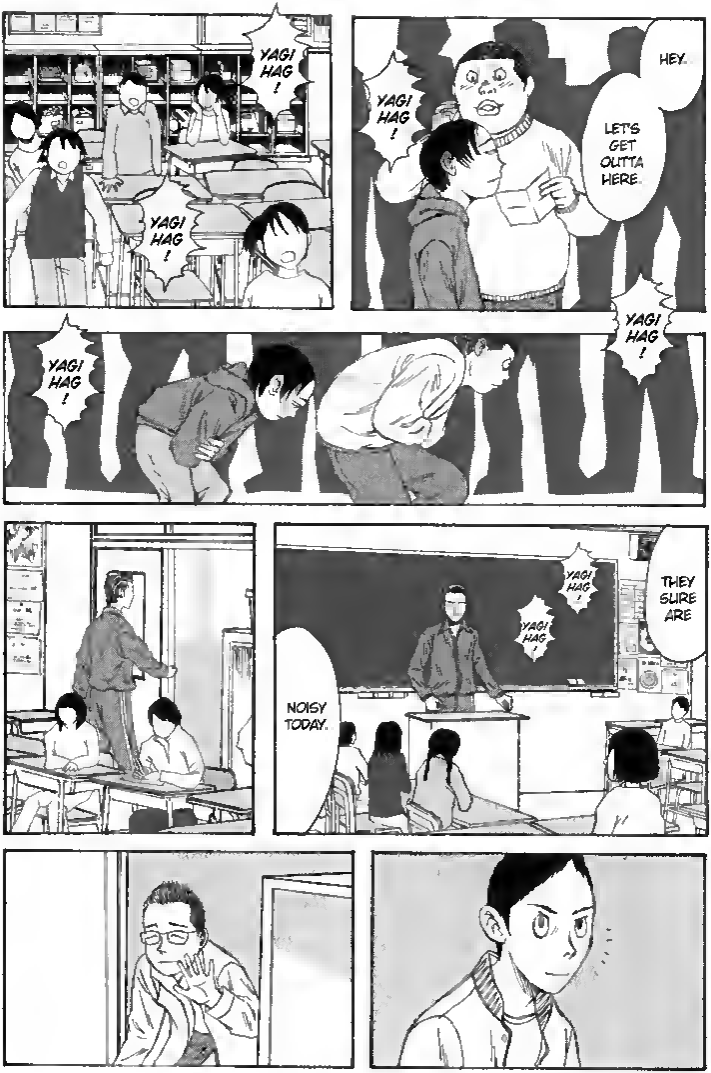
SIGN: NAMATAME CLINIC
生田目産婦人科
huff
huff
puff
—?
WHAT!?
NAMATAME-SENSEI?
THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY AND HE AND HIS WIFE BOTH LEFT TO VISIT A PATIENT.
OH...
HEY!
AREN'T YOU
MITSUO-KUN'S FRIEND?

TAKE YOUR SEATS!
AND TAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF YOUR DESKS
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T BRING VIDEO GAMES TO SCHOOL
GIVE IT BACK!
YAGI-SEN, GIMME MY DS BACK
WHAAAAAT!?
I'LL BE CONFISCATING EVERYTHING
GAMES AND MANGA AND CELL PHONES AND NOTEBOOKS ARE NOT ALLOWED

YEAH!
YOU LIED!
THAT CARD GAMES AND NOTEBOOKS AND STUFF WERE OK.
I THOUGHT WE DECIDED IN HOME-ROOM
WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THE RULES AGAIN!
BUT IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T KEEP THEIR PROMISE NOT TO PLAY WITH THEM DURING CLASS,
WE MAY HAVE DISCUSSED THAT.
WITH YOU!
I'M TIRED OF DISCUSSING THINGS
THEN LET'S HAVE A DISCUSSION FIRST BEFORE WE MAKE THE NEW RULES.
YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE....

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO BROKE YOUR PROMISE!
YAGI HAG CAN'T KEEP A PROMISE!
YAGI HAG!
GIVE THAT BACK!
YAGI HAG!
I GOT MY GAME BACK!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
TAMAO.
YAGI HAG!
YAGI HAG!
YAGI HAG!
YAGI HAG!

MAKE SURE EVERYONE SEES THIS NOTE!
BIG NEWS!
WHAT IS IT?
YAGI HAG!
YAGI HAG!
YAGI HAG!
YAGI HAG!
Top Secret!!
It's coming.
YAGI HAG!
YAGI HAG!


YAGI HAG !
YAGI HAG !
HEY..
YAGI HAG !
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE..
YAGI HAG !
YAGI HAG !
YAGI HAG !
THEY SURE ARE
YAGI HAG !
NOISY TODAY.

SERIOUSLY?
THE BABY'S REALLY COMING NOW?
BUT
HOW COME YOU CAME AND GOT ME?
YOU'RE THE DAD
THAT'S YOU!

Huff puff
SORRY...
WE COULDN'T FIND ANY GROWN-UPS ..
SORRY..
HARUNA'S CONTRACTIONS ARE GETTING WORSE!
MITSUO, WAIT!
HEY!
PIG-MAN.
ME FIRST!

NOW IT'S DAIGO AND HIROYUKI !? WHY DO ALL THESE USELESS BOYS KEEP COMING !?
NO BOYS ALLOWED !
HI..
CAN YOU GIVE ME A BACKRUB?
DOES IT HURT ?
HARU-NA
AHH..
WHAT SHOULD I DO..?
...
Whisper
YOU'VE GOTTA BREATHE

CHAPTER 21/END

22. BIRTH
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
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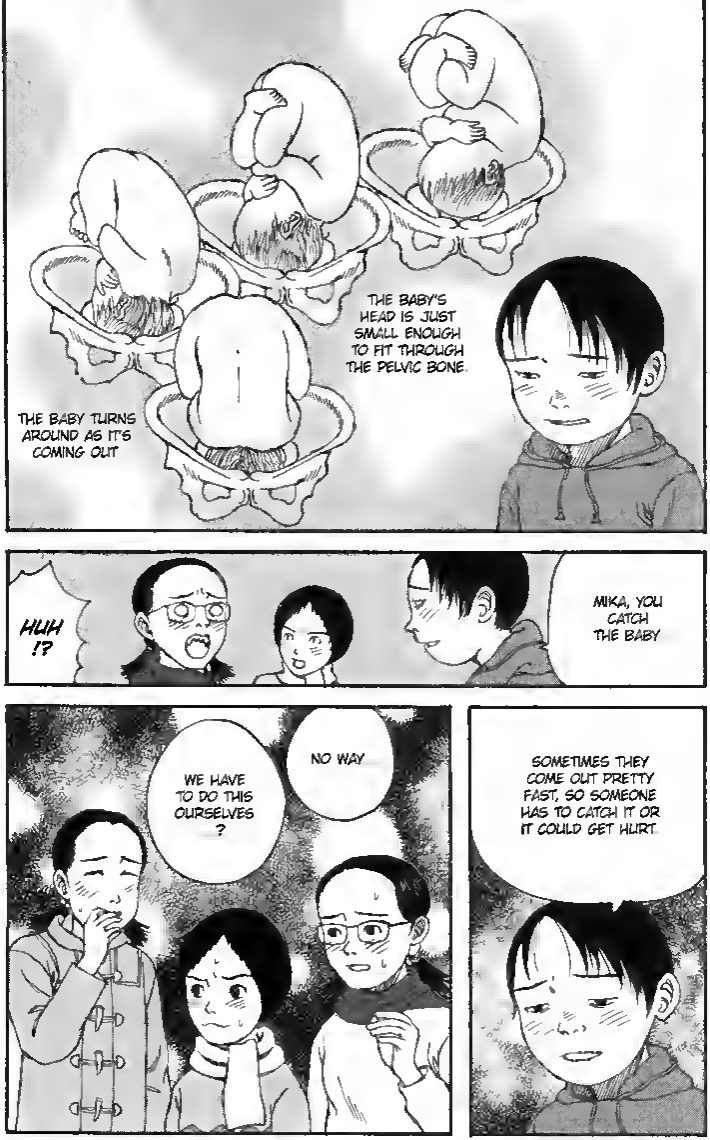
WOOF
WOOF
LET'S GO!
HEY!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
KEN!

LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO POOP
HEE!
HEE!
HOO!
THEN BEAR DOWN A LITTLE
CAN I TAKE A LOOK?
HER CERVIX IS PROBABLY PRETTY DILATED
NO OTHER BOYS CAN LOOK!!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO!

BOTH OF YOU HOLD HER HANDS.
COME HERE.
DAIGO.
HIRO-YUKI.
MY BACK-PACK
IN THE POCKET OF MY BACKPACK
THIS ?

HIRO-YUKI.
GRANDMA.
DAIGO.
GIVE ME STRENGTH.

PIGMAN
GET THAT VINYL SHEET OFF THE SHELF AND PUT IT UNDER HER!
HOW COME I DON'T GET TO DO ANYTHING!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, GIVING ME ORDERS?
...
DO IT, PIGMAN!!
TCH!
FLAP


THE BABY'S HEAD IS JUST SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT THROUGH THE PELVIC BONE.
THE BABY TURNS AROUND AS IT'S COMING OUT
MIKA, YOU CATCH THE BABY
HUH !?
NO WAY
WE HAVE TO DO THIS OURSELVES ?
SOMETIMES THEY COME OUT PRETTY FAST, SO SOMEONE HAS TO CATCH IT OR IT COULD GET HURT.

LOOK
YOU CAN ALREADY SEE THE HEAD
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO IT OURSELVES
WE CAN DO IT!
I KNOW WE CAN
.....!

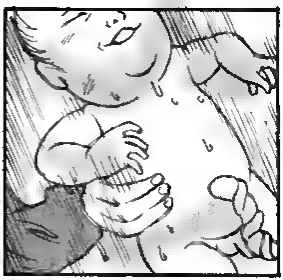
THAT'S IT!
PUSH !
NOW TWO DEEP BREATHS
OK.
PUSH !
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HOLDING IT IN IF YOU HAVE TO POOP OR PEE!
AAAAAH
SQUEEZE
SHE'S SO STRONG ...
WHAT A SCREAM
IT'S LIKE AN ANI-MAL ...

HARDER!
PUSH DOWN ON HER STOMACH WITH YOUR HANDS.
MIKA!
GOT IT!
EEK!
SPLASH
SHORT BREATHS
LIKE YOU'RE PANTING
NOW STOP PUSHING

POP
AIEEE!
THERE IT IS!
DOING HERE—!?
WHAT IS A FACE

ズ。
PULL

グ
TUG
グ。

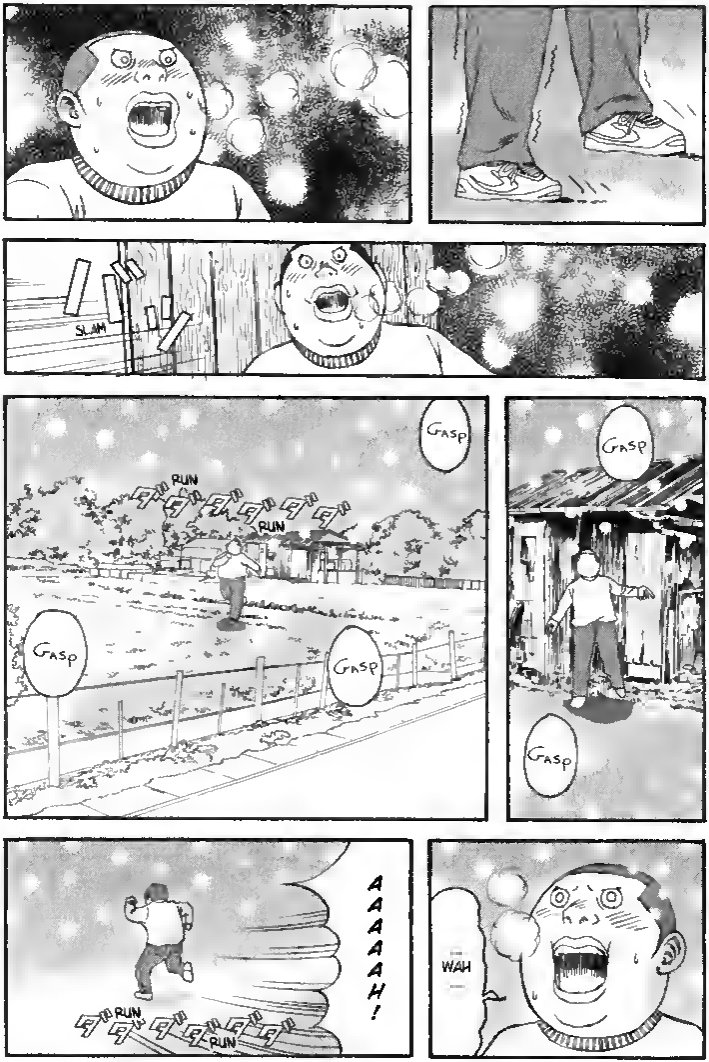


WASH THE BABY OFF
TAMA,
MAYU,
OK!
MIKA !
NICE CATCH !
DO YOU STILL HAVE THAT SPINNING TOP STRING?
PIG-MAN!
PIG-MAN!

Tie
HE'S NOT CRYING
Cough
PAT
PAT
PAT

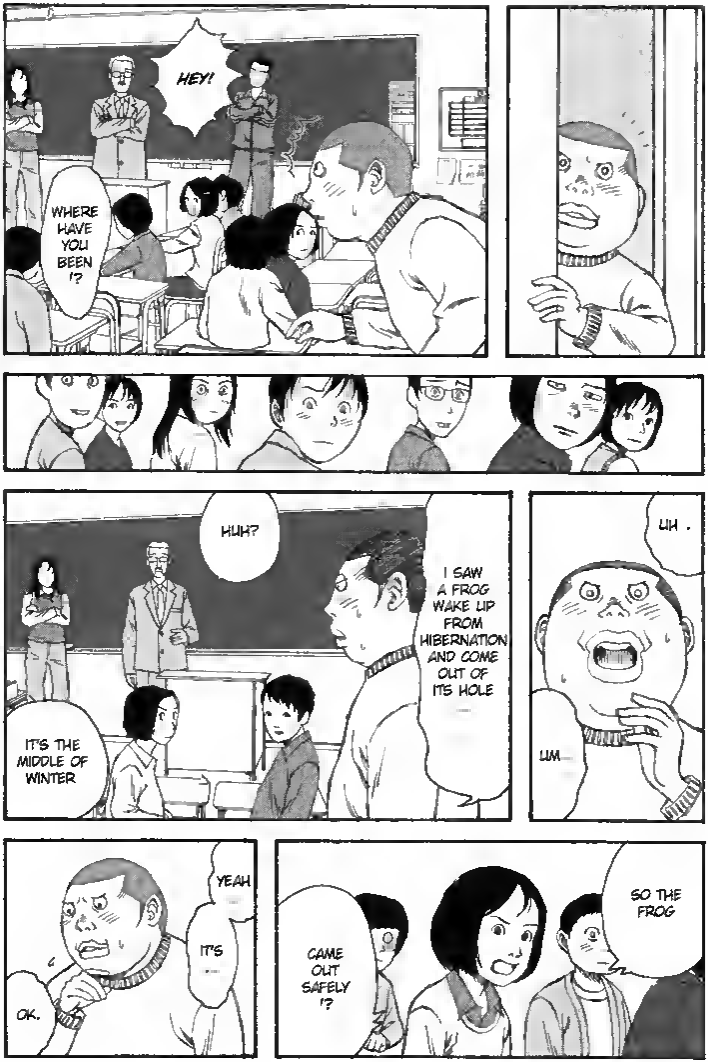
WAAAAAAAH

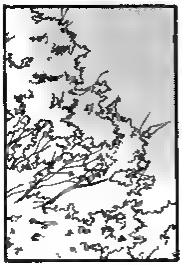
Wuuuuu
DON'T WORRY THAT'S THE AFTER-BIRTH.
EWWWWW!
WAH!
Plop
...
THAT'S THE AMNIOTIC SAC
THAT SURROUNDED THE BABY.
Wuuuuu
Wuuuuu
WHEW...!

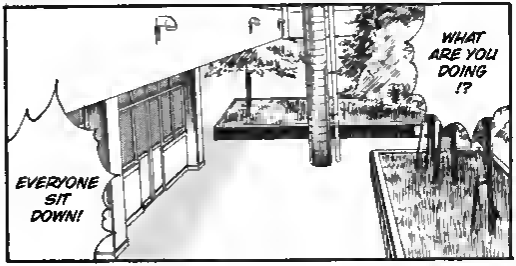

SLAM
RUN
RUN
Gasp
Gasp
Gasp
Gasp
Gasp
RUN
RUN
AAAAAAH!
WAH

オギャアア
WAAAAAH
Wuh...
Suck
オギャアア
WAAAAAH
HARUNA'S BABY...

WHERE ARE
THE OTHER CHILDREN !?
...
Puff
Puff
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.


HEY!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN!?
UH.
UM...
HUH?
I SAW A FROG WAKE UP FROM HIBERNATION AND COME OUT OF ITS HOLE
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF WINTER
YEAH...
IT'S...
OK.
SO THE FROG
CAME OUT SAFELY!?





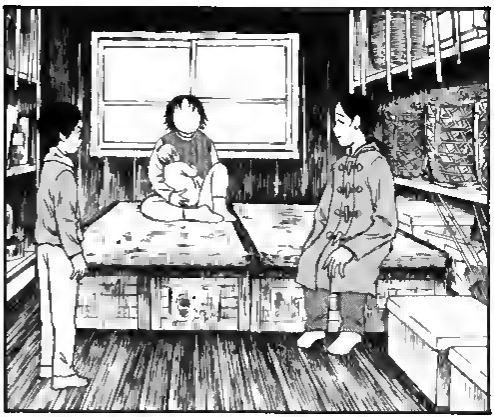
CHAPTER 22/END

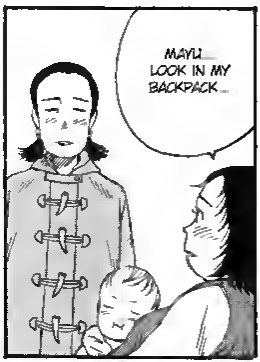
23. NAME

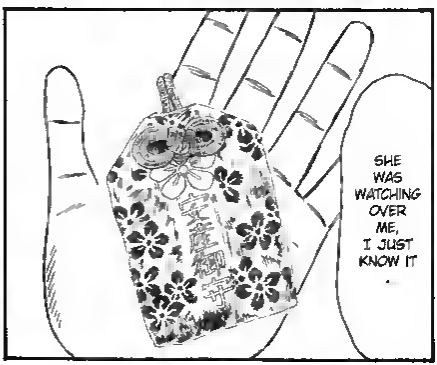
YAGI-SENSEI
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT ALL ON ALONE.
AFTER SCHOOL
...
JUST A LITTLE LONGER
...
YOU'RE ONLY THINKING ABOUT YOURSELF.
PLEASE...
JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME!

THAT'S ODD
YOUR STUDENTS WERE SO ROWDY TODAY, BUT NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM IS STILL ON CAMPUS.
THE STUDENTS SHOULD BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY,
RIGHT?
THEY HAVE A VERY STRONG SENSE OF UNITY AND OFTEN ACT UP AS A GROUP!
YES
WE'LL GET YOU AN ASSISTANT
SO YOU CAN WORK ON GETTING YOUR CLASS BACK IN SHAPE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AND RIGHT NOW, IT'S YOU THEY'RE UNITED AGAINST, ISN'T IT?

GRANDMA...




MAYU... LOOK IN MY BACKPACK...


SHE WAS WATCHING OVER ME, I JUST KNOW IT.

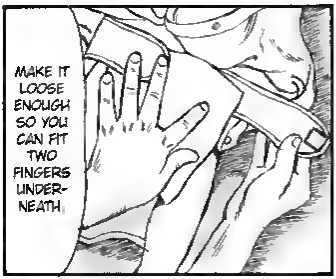
SHE WAS SEWING DIAPERS FOR ME BEFORE SHE DIED.
WHAT'S THIS...?
THOSE WERE IN MY GRANDMA'S DRESSER.
WOW
VISITORS...?
HARUNA
YOU HAVE VISITORS.
CREAK
CREAK
IS IT JUST ME
OR IS THE SHACK CREAKING??

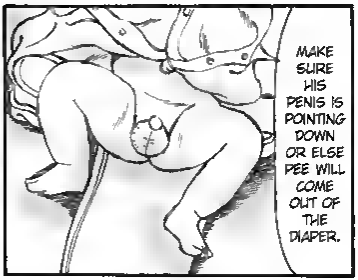
ドヤ
RUSH
CONGRATULATIONS!
WAH...
A REAL BABY!
WOW!
IT'S ALIVE!
HARUNA REALLY GAVE BIRTH!?

BE CAREFUL, GUYS
MAKE SURE NO ONE SEES YOU
I BROUGHT AN EXTRA BLANKET THAT WASN'T BEING USED
ME, TOO
THIS
IS AN EXTRA POT WE HAD LYING AROUND
I BROUGHT SOME BABY TOYS AND STUFF
I BROUGHT A HEATER.
I BROUGHT SOME OF MY OLD BABY CLOTHES

AND LOOK!
THIS IS THE BABY BATHTUB WE USED FOR MY LITTLE SISTER.
YOU WANT IT?
NICE!
IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HOT, THOUGH!
I'LL GO GET SOME WATER!
SHOULD WE GIVE IT A BATH?
THIS IS HOW YOU SHOULD HOLD HIM!
LET ME TRY!
CAN I CHANGE HIS DIAPER?
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
LET'S NAME HIM!
SHHHHHHHHHHH

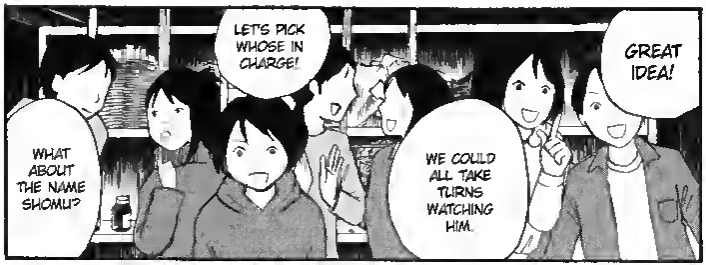
NOTE: TSUBASA MEANS WINGS AND SHO IS A CHARACTER MEANING TO FLY



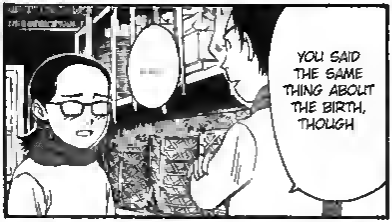


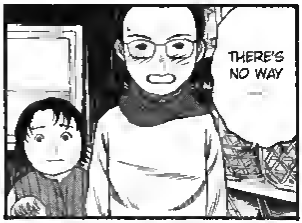
HEY!
DON'T STARE!
TCH!
Burp!
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT
HERE YOU GO, HIROYUKI
UH...
OK.

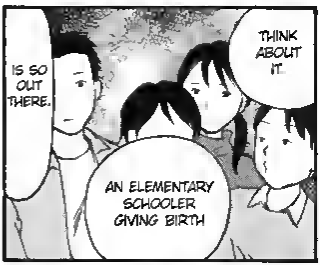
HEY
IF WE CAN DO ALL THIS
CLAPPING
COULDN'T WE
RAISE THE BABY OURSELVES ?
ALL BY OURSELVES !?

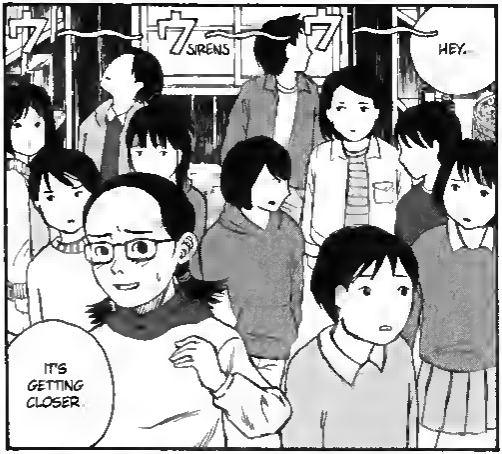


NOTE: THE CHARACTERS FOR SHOMU MEAN FLYING DREAM









NOTE: TAIYO MEANS SUN

BAD NEWS, HARUNA!
FIRE TRUCKS!
SIRENS
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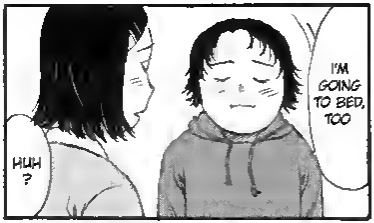
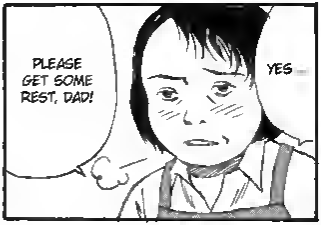
SIRENS
ウ～～ウ
WHAT!?
THE FIRE TRUCKS ARE COMING TO HARUNA'S HOUSE!
GOT IT!
I'LL WATCH THE BABY!
TAMA©, YOU GET HARUNA TO HER HOUSE!
CAN YOU STAND, HARUNA?
ARE YOU OK?

I CAN WALK ON MY OWN
I'M ALL RIGHT.
Huff
Huff
Huff
GRANDPA!
THERE'S NO SMOKE ..
GIVE ME A HAND!
HARU-NA!
HAHA
IT'S MY FAULT.

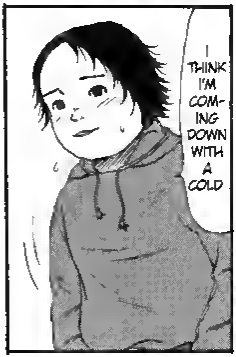
HE'S BEEN ACTING KIND OF STRANGE SINCE GRAND-MA DIED
GRANDPA... TRIED TO MAKE RAMEN WITHOUT ANY WATER AND IT CAUGHT ON FIRE...
SORRY, TAMA-CHAN, HARUNA CAN'T PLAY TODAY.
HARU-NA!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL!
HARU-NA...
TELL MIKA...
TO TAKE CARE OF THE BABY.

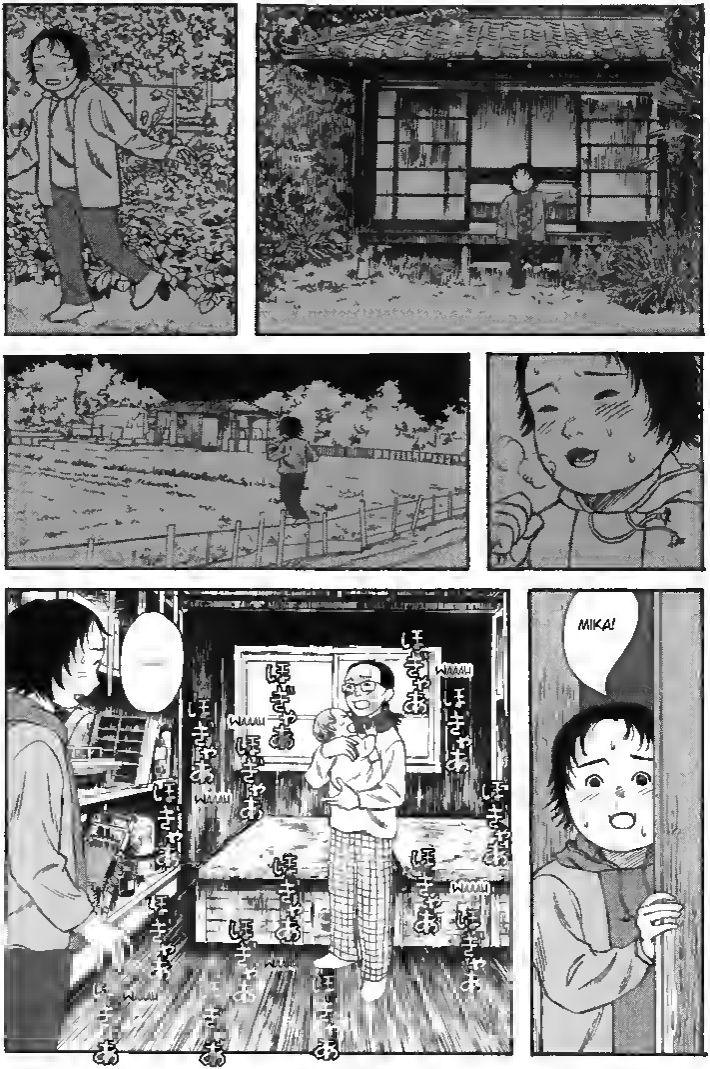
I'M GOING TO BED.


I'M GOING TO BED, TOO
HUH ?


PLEASE GET SOME REST, DAD!
YES...

SHE'S BEEN STAYING UP TOO LATE...
HAS HARUNA LOST WEIGHT...?


I THINK I'M COMING DOWN WITH A COLD


MIKA!
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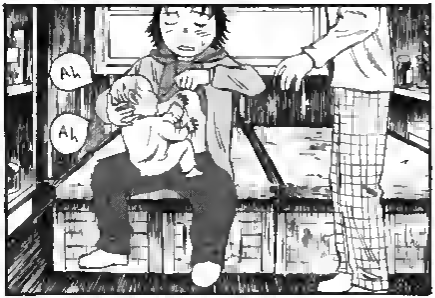
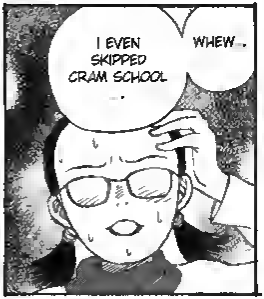
ほぎゃあ
ほぎゃあ

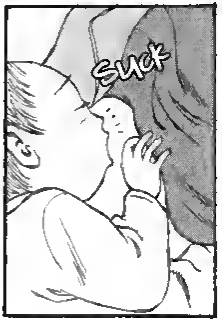
SORRY.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A LOT OF WORK
HARU-NA.

WAAAAAAH


AH
AH


I EVEN SKIPPED CRAM SCHOOL.
WHEW...

Slurp
Slurp
Slurp


SUCK

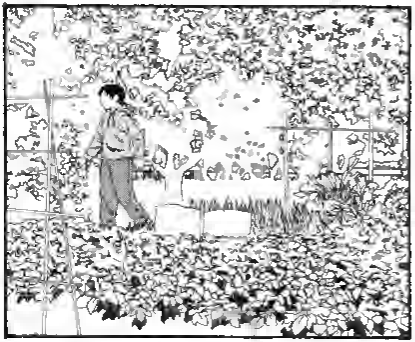
HIS FACE IS ALREADY CREASED WITH HARDSHIP
POOR THING
IT'S THE CHARACTER FOR "MOTO"
YOU'RE RIGHT IT REALLY DOES LOOK LIKE "MOTO"
HIS NAME IS WRITTEN ON HIS FOREHEAD
HEY, MIKA!
THAT'S PERFECT!
HIS NAME WILL BE HAJIME, WRITTEN WITH THE CHARACTER "MOTO"!

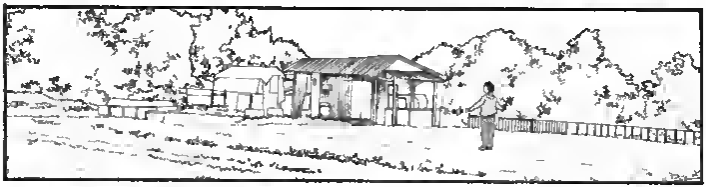
CHAPTER 23/END

NOTE: THE CHARACTER 元 IS USUALLY READ GEN OR MOTO BUT IN GIVEN NAMES IS OFTEN READ AS HAJIME, WHICH MEANS BEGINNING

24. SCAREDY CAT

ワイ
CHATTER
ワイ
ワイ
ワイ
ガヤ
CHATTER
ガヤ
ガヤ
AND SHINOBU AT 1:30
MIYO, 12:30.
TAKASHI, YOU'RE AT 11:15
HEY!
ORDERS FROM DAIGO
ワイ
CHATTER
ガヤ
ガヤ
JUST PASS THE SCHEDULE AROUND
AND DON'T LET YAGI-SEN SEE IT.
ワイ
ガヤ
ガヤ
YOU'RE ALL IN ORDER.





IT'S IS HERE!

I SAY YAGI-SEN, YOU SAY ...?
PASS-WORD !

SCAREDY CAT.

CREAK

DID THAT REALLY COME OUT OF HARUNA?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
goo goo
goo goo
HE CAN'T HOLD HIS HEAD UP YET, SO MAKE SURE HIS NECK IS ALWAYS SUPPORTED
AND ALWAYS MAKE SURE HIS PENIS FACES DOWN
KEEP THE DIAPER LOOSE ENOUGH SO YOU CAN FIT TWO FINGERS UNDERNEATH
MAKE SURE THE FORMULA'S NOT WARMER THAN YOUR SKIN
GOT IT?
MAKE SURE YOU TELL THE NEXT GROUP, OK?
OK.

YAGI-SEN
SCAREDY CAT!

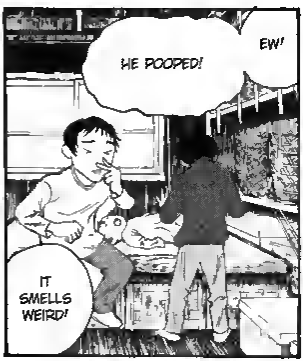
I'VE GOT A BABY BROTHER, SO JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.
YOU'RE NOT SUPPORTING HIS NECK.

DOES HIS PENIS GO UP OR DOWN?
I CAN'T REMEMBER.

YAGI-SEN
SCAREDY CAT

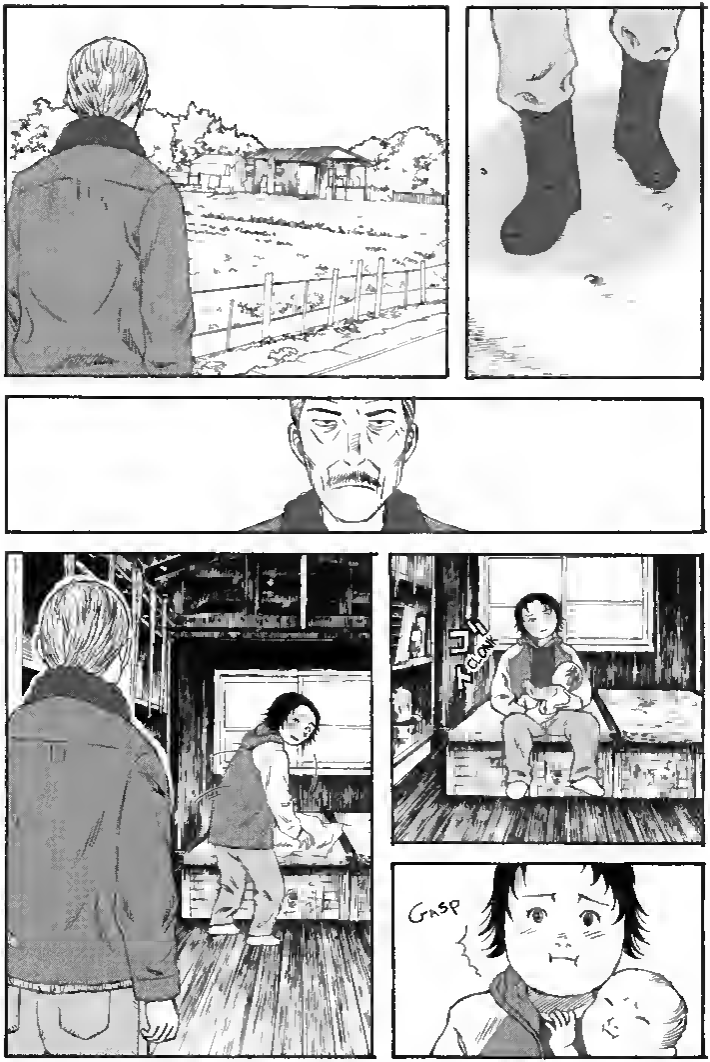
THREE FINGERS IN THE DIAPER...
WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH IT?
EH, JUST LEAVE IT ALONE


HE POOPED!
EW!
IT SMELLS WEIRD!

SCAREDY CAT.
YAGI-SEN.
EEEEW!
PSHHHH
UM..
THE DIAPER
...
SCAREDY CAT
YAGI-SEN.
HEY!
WHAT'S THE PASSWORD ...?
RATTLE
WHAT I'M DOING
I HAVE NO IDEA
ANYWAY, LET'S GET HIM A BOTTLE

SCAREDY CAT.
IT'S NOT YOUR TURN YET.
I WAS WORRIED.
IT'S OK.
HARUNA.
OH YEAH...?
AND BESIDES, IF I DON'T BREAST-FEED HIM, MY BOOBS HURT.
ALL RIGHT, HARUNA.
WE'LL LEAVE HIM TO YOU!


GASP

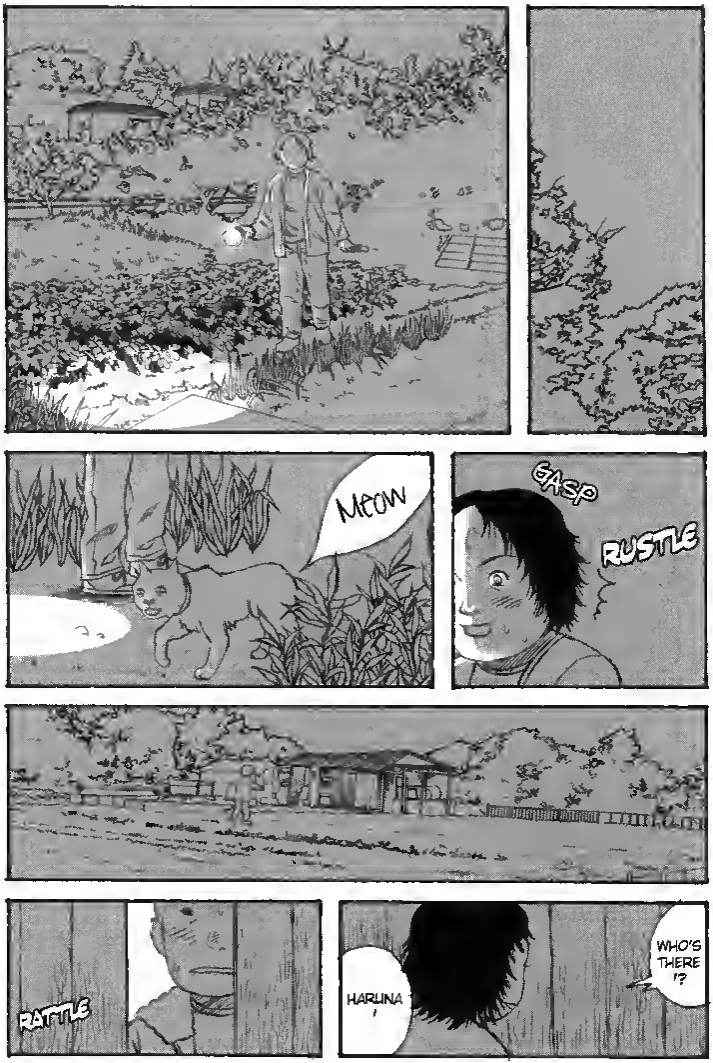
GRAND...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
PA.
I HAVE FREE PERIOD —
SO I...
DOING HERE ?
WHAT ARE YOU
MOVE!
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING ?

WAAAH!

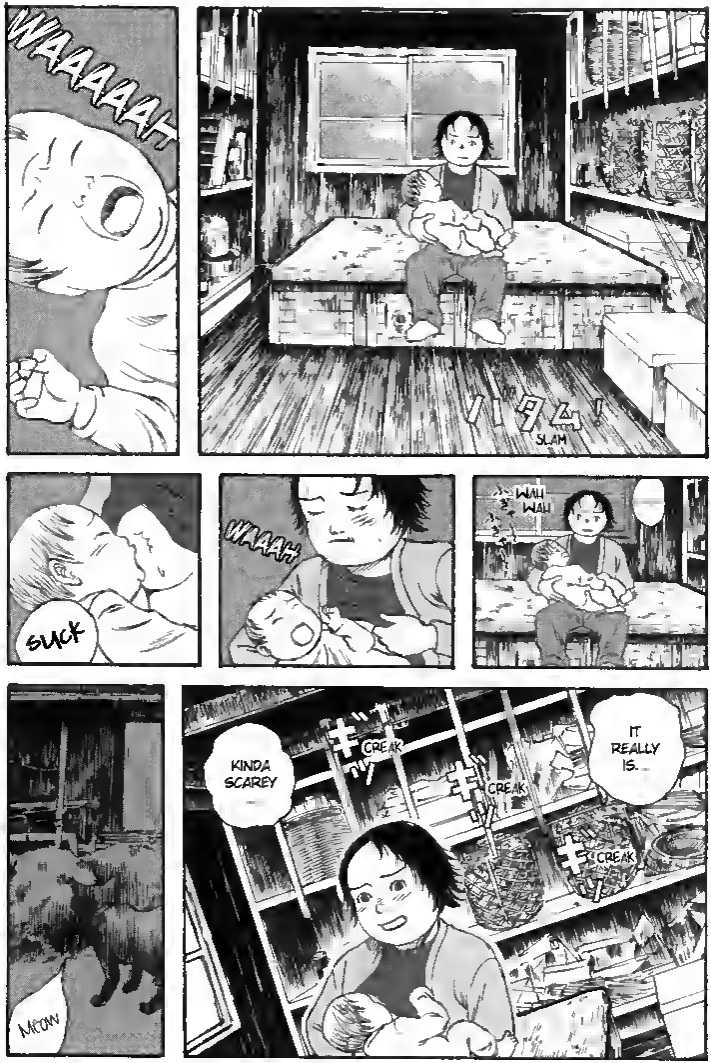
IT'S A STRAPPING BABY BOY.
YOU DID IT.
HUH?
I'M HARUNA
FINALLY, AN HEIR.
YOU DID IT, AYAKO.
LOOK AFTER HIM FOR ME .
HARUNA!

YOU DID IT!
AYAKO !
IT'S THE HEIR I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
LET'S GO WATCH TV.
YOU FINALLY GAVE BIRTH TO A BOY.
HE'S SENILE
YOU FINALLY DID IT!

HE'S GETTING SENILE.
I KNOW.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN UNHAPPY
THAT I NEVER HAD A BOY
...
BUT
THAT'S WHEN PEOPLE SAY THE THINGS THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO SAY BEFORE.


Meow
GASP
RUSTLE
RATTLE
HARUNA
WHO'S THERE!?

EVERY TIME HE FALLS ASLEEP, HE WAKES UP AGAIN AS SOON AS I PUT HIM DOWN...
HARUNAAAA!
YOU'VE GOTTA HELP ME!
AND THIS PLACE IS SCARIER THAN A HAUNTED HOUSE...
CREAK
CREAK
WAAAAH
MY LEGS ARE KILLING ME FROM STANDING ALL THIS TIME...
CREAK
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!
SEE YA!
PLUS IF MY FOLKS FIND OUT I'VE BEEN SKIPPING CRAM SCHOOL, WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'LL DO TO ME

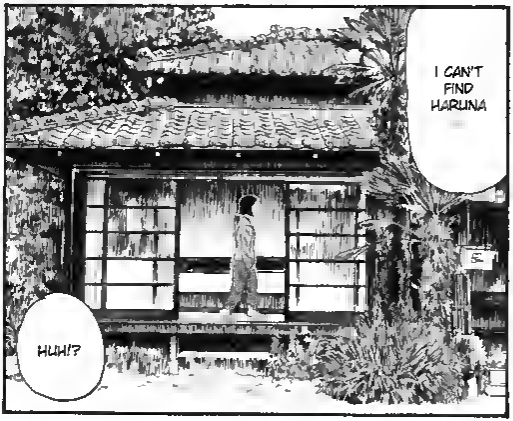

WAAAAAH!
バタム!
SLAM
SUCK
WAAAH!
WAH! WAH!
MEOW
KINDA SCAREY...
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
IT REALLY IS...

FALLEN TAIRA SAMURAI
GRANDPA SAID THIS AREA WAS FULL OF
I'VE GOT HAJIME
I'VE GOT HAJIME, SO I'M OK...
BUT NOW
BUT NOW, THERE'S TWO OF US.
IT'S FUNNY. NOT THAT LONG AGO, ME AND HAJIME WERE ONE PERSON.

HM...?
Cheep
Cheep
Cheep
Cheep

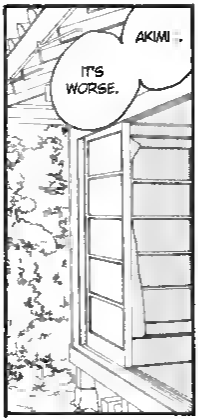
Cheep
Cheep

CRAP


I CAN'T FIND HARUNA
HUH!?

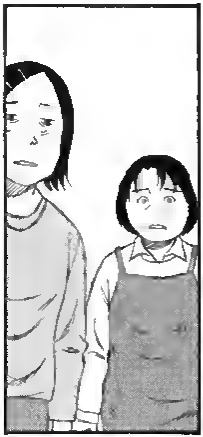
MOM!

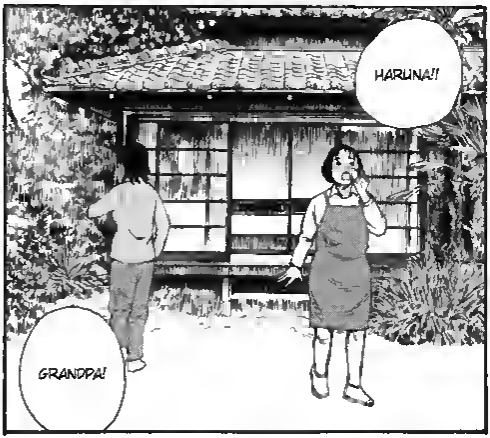
GRANDPA IS GONE, TOO...


AKIMI...
IT'S WORSE.

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
HER SHOES ARE GONE!

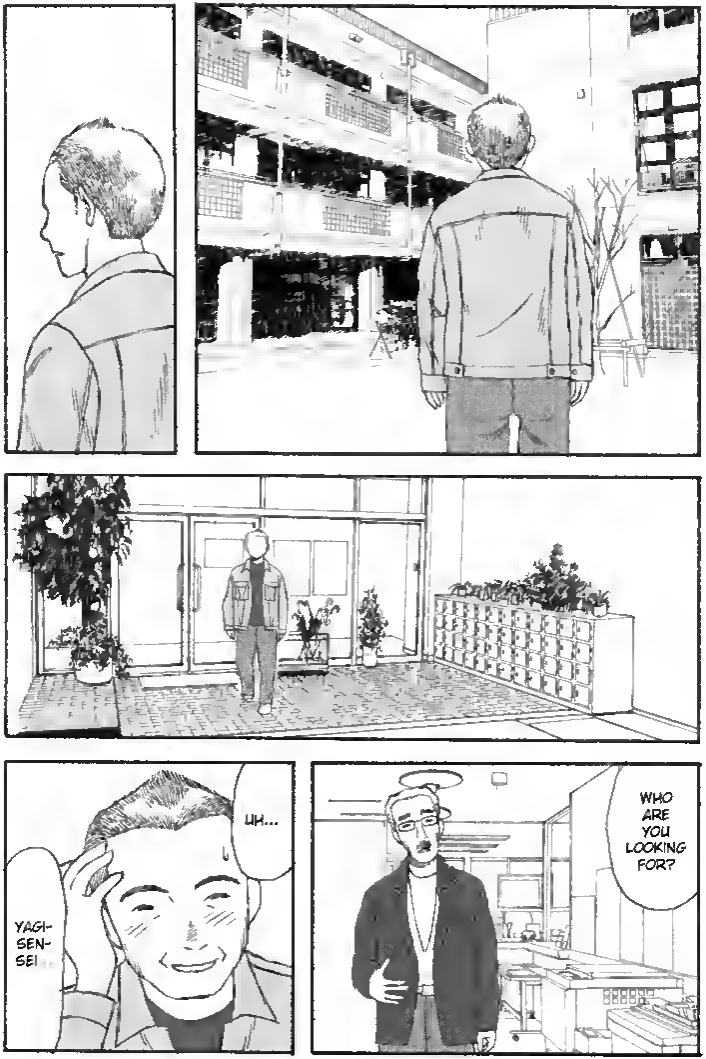
GRANDPA!
HARUNA!!



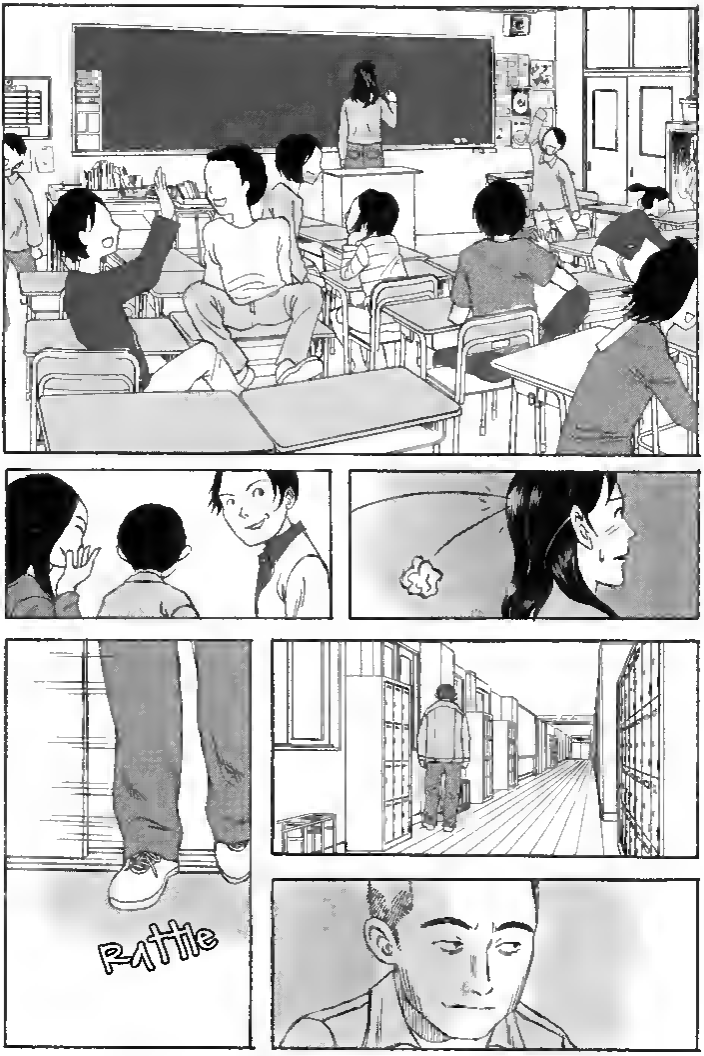

HARUNA!!
GRANDPA!

MORNING...
I SAW GRANDPA LEAVE THE HOUSE...
SO YOU WENT AFTER HIM...
WHAT A RELIEF...
COME ON.
LET'S HAVE BREAK-FAST...

25. STALKER


UH...
YAGI-SEN-SEI...
WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

SHE HAS CLASS RIGHT NOW
PLEASE HAVE A SEAT AND WAIT
.....
ALL RIGHT


Rattle

SURE ARE LOUD
YOU ALL
SILENCE
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO YAGI-SENSEI'S LESSON?
DON'T YOU KNOW

DAMN IT.
THE NEXT BABYSITTER IS LATE
AND I'M OUT OF FORMULA.
PIG-MAN!

QUIT SULKING AND JUST DO IT!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE BOSSING ME AROUND !?
YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN CARE OF THE BABY EVEN ONCE
ARE YOU STILL HUNG UP ON THAT?
.....
JUST TAKE HIM IT'S ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE
H-
HEY.
WH-
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH HIM!?
おぎゃあ
WAAH

I TOLD YOU I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN...!
NO WE ARE NOT !
YAGI-SENSEI AND I ARE FRIENDS.
THIS CLASS-ROOM IS FOR ME AND THE CHILDREN!
GET OUT!
GET OUT!
GET OUT!
GET OUT!
GET OUT!
GET OUT.

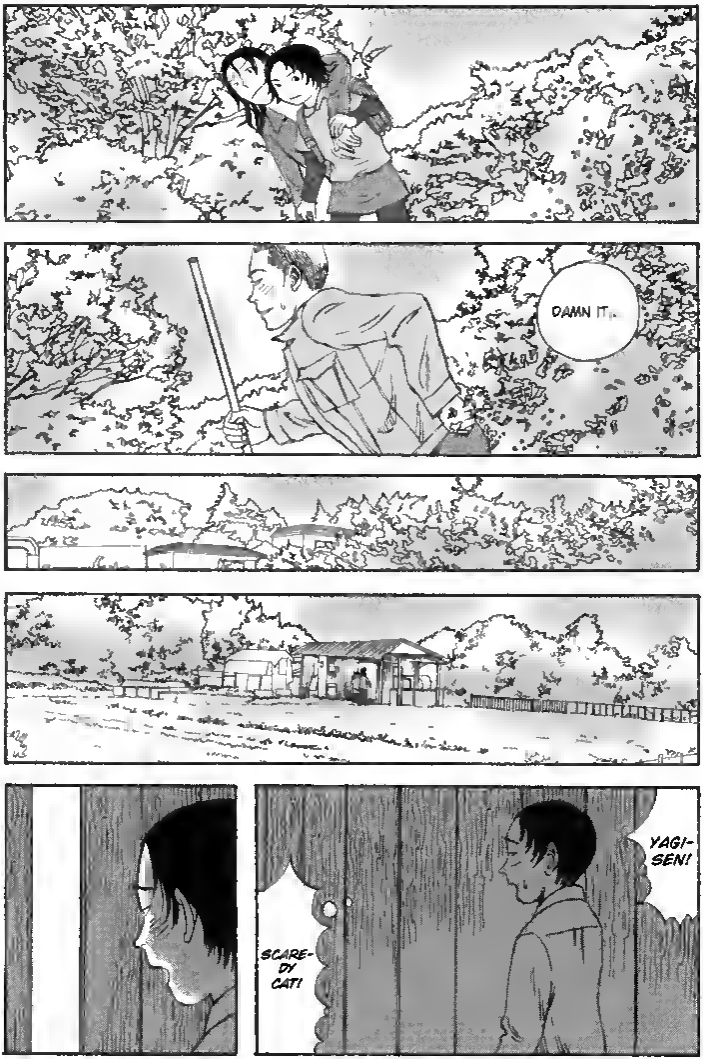
THE KIDS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOU
GET OUT!
GET OUT!
GET OUT!
KIYOKO...
I'M DOING THIS FOR YOU...
COME ON
FOLLOW ME!
YOU CAN'T JUST COME INTO THE CLASSROOM
SEE YOU LATER, KIYO-KO!
BUT...
I...
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER

STUPID MITSUO!
WAAH
WAAH
WAAH
WAAH
COME ON
BE A GOOD BOY
TCH!
?
Freeze
TCH!
TCH!
WHAT, THIS?
smile
YOU'RE KINDA CUTE

キンコン
カンコーン
Glance
Glance
WHAT AN IDIOT

LET GO!
KIYOKO...!
WHY DO YOU REFUSE TO UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL?
SMACK

SMACK
THUD
SMACK
THIS
THIS IS YOUR FAULT
OW ...!


DAMN IT...
YAGI-SEN!
SCARE-DY CAT!

A PERVERT!
A PERVERT IS CHASING US!
THUMP
WHOA
IT REALLY IS YAGI-SEN
MI-TSUO, GO GET HELP.
ALL ALL RIGHT!
WHERE DID SHE GO?
DAMN IT...

Fuss

SMASH
ガシャ

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT
YOU LITTLE BRAT...!
HEHE...
WAIT...!
IF I...
IF I COME WITH YOU, IT'LL ALL BE OVER, RIGHT?

HUH?
IF YOU TAKE ANOTHER STEP,
MISTER...
WE'RE ALL GONNA THROW THESE.
85
SHOW SOME RESPECT !!
YOU LITTLE BRATS...!

CHAPTER 25/END

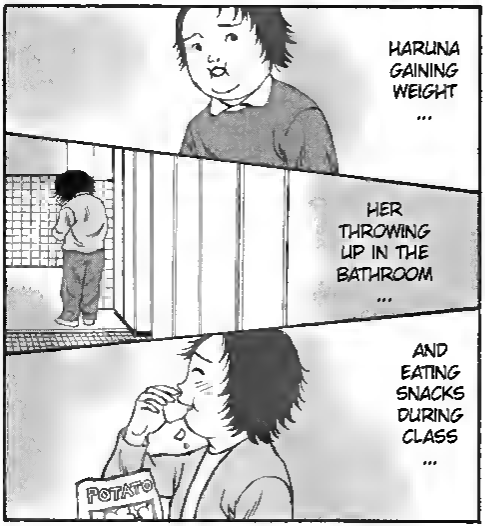
26. SENSEI'S DETERMINATION

WHOSE BABY IS THAT, HARUNA?

HARUNA ...

IT'S MINE.

IT ALL MAKES SENSE
IT MAKES SENSE ...!


HARUNA GAINING WEIGHT ...
HER THROWING UP IN THE BATHROOM ...
AND EATING SNACKS DURING CLASS ...
POTATO

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B-DUMP
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B-DUMP
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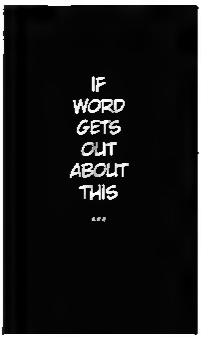
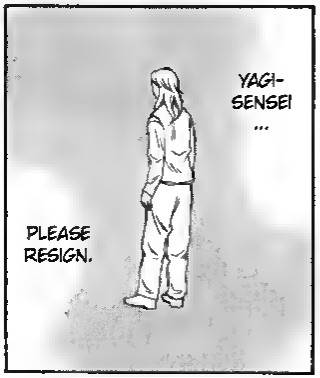
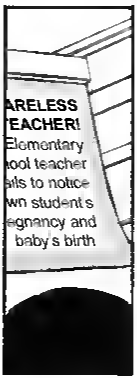

IF WORD GETS OUT ABOUT THIS ...

AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER GIVING BIRTH ...
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN ...?

HOW COULD A TEACHER NOT REALIZE... HER OWN STUDENT WAS PREGNANT?

THIS WON'T JUST STAY WITHIN THE SCHOOL
YAGI-SENSEI


YAGI-SENSEI ...
PLEASE RESIGN.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TEACHER!
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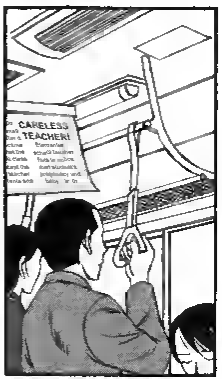
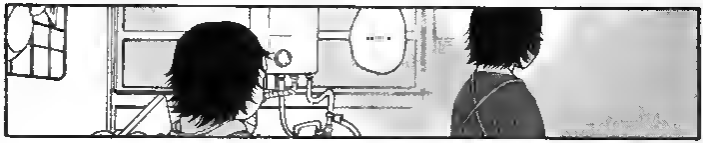
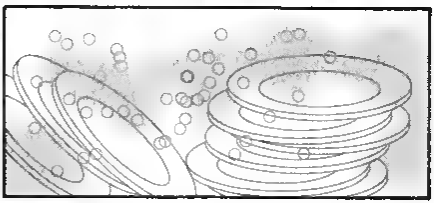

CARELESS
TEACHER!

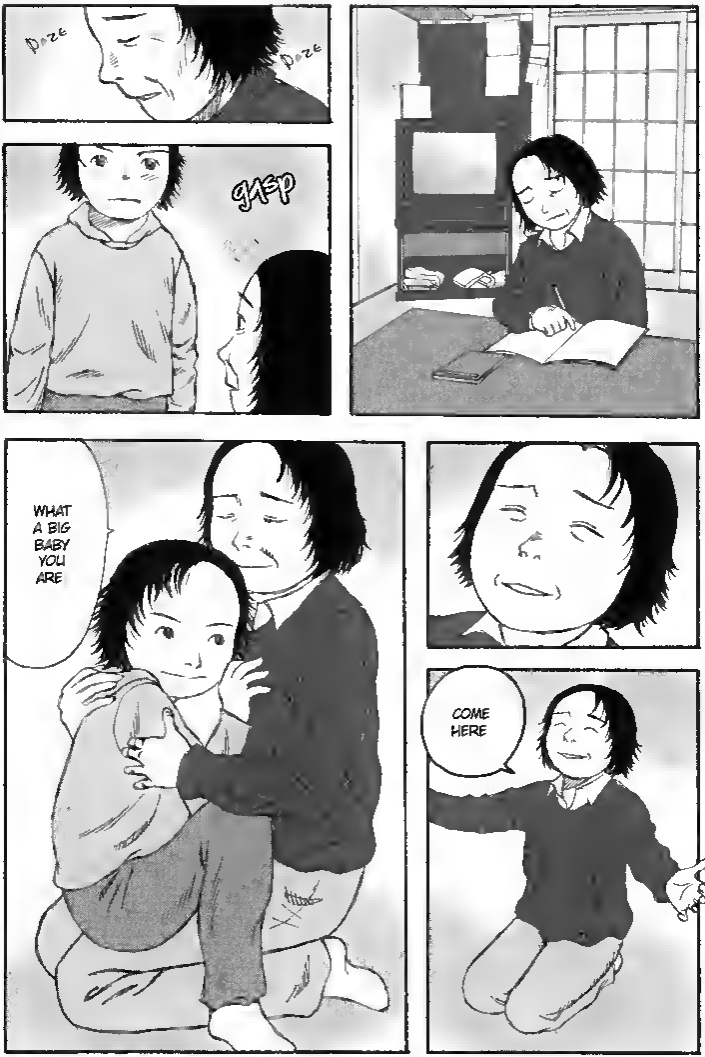
I'M TIRED...
MAYBE I'D BETTER TELL MOM...
NOW THAT YAGI-SEN KNOWS...
HOW CAN YOU JUST LIE AROUND!?
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION WE'RE IN?
GET TO WORK, HARU!
MOM'S BARELY BEEN GETTING ANY SLEEP!
WITH GRANDPA GETTING SENILE AND WANDERING AROUND AT NIGHT,

WASH THE DISHES !
HARUNA,


...

AT A TIME LIKE THIS ...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TELL HER ABOUT THE BABY.

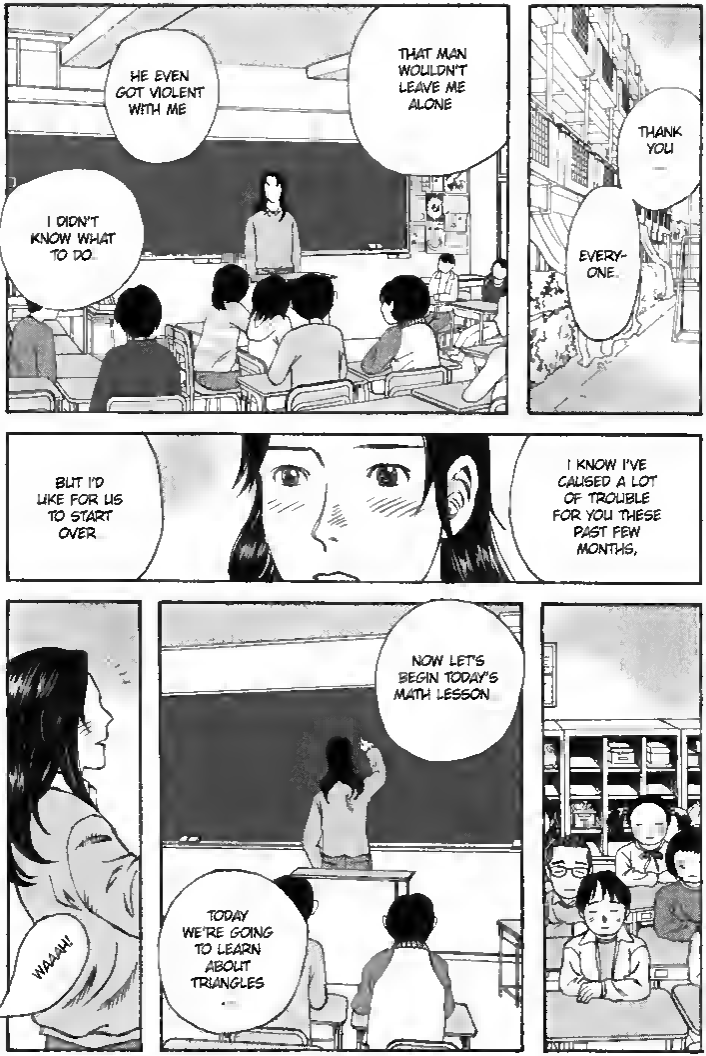


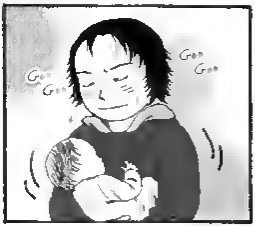

Daze
Daze
gasp
WHAT A BIG BABY YOU ARE
COME HERE

I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TIME FOR YOU LATELY..
I'M SORRY, HARUNA.
.....
MOM, COME HERE!
MOM..
UM...
OH DEAR..
GRANDPA WET HIMSELF!
...

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
BUT NOBODY CAME, SO YOU JUST WORE YOURSELF OUT..
Suck
POOR THING
YOUR DIAPER'S SOAKED
I BET YOU WERE CRYING FOR AGES.
POOR THING

MORNING!
GOOD MORN-ING!
Breathe
Rattle


HE EVEN GOT VIOLENT WITH ME
THAT MAN WOULDN'T LEAVE ME ALONE
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
THANK YOU
EVERY-ONE
BUT I'D LIKE FOR US TO START OVER
I KNOW I'VE CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR YOU THESE PAST FEW MONTHS,
WAAAH!
TODAY WE'RE GOING TO LEARN ABOUT TRIANGLES
NOW LET'S BEGIN TODAY'S MATH LESSON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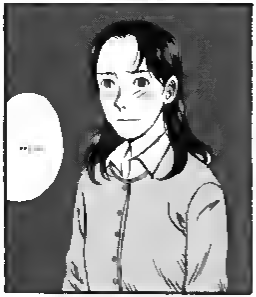

...

Goo
Goo

HARUNA
THAT BABY
THAT'S YOUR BABY, ISN'T IT?

AND THE REST OF YOU ALL KNEW
AND HELPED HER OUT?

WE'VE BEEN SKIPPING CLASS TO TAKE CARE OF THE BABY.
WHEN SHE GAVE BIRTH, DIDN'T YOU!?
YOU HAD AN ADULT'S HELP
BUT THE BIRTH...
BY OURSELVES.
US KIDS HELPED HER

I'VE...
NEVER SEEN THE CHILDREN LOOK AT ME
BEFORE!
WITH SUCH QUESTIONING GAZES
G..
GOOD
—
—

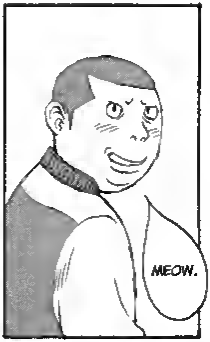
GOOD
JOB!
THIS MORNING'S MATH AND GRAMMAR LESSONS
ARE CANCELLED
WOW
INSTEAD WE'RE GOING TO LEARN ABOUT TAKING CARE OF BABIES!

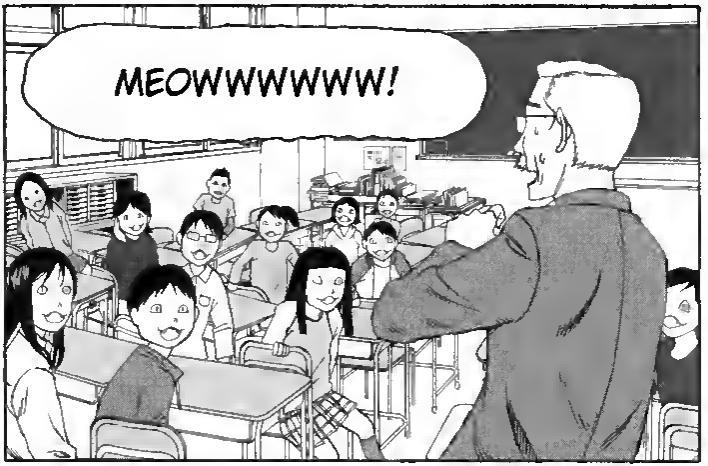
WHEN THE BABY'S CLOSE TO BEING BORN,
YOU HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR BREATHING.
I WAS, LIKE, TOTALLY STARTLED WHEN HARUNA, LIKE, [illegible] REALLY LOUDLY.

I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN I COULD GET
THE BABY TO BURP AFTER GIVING HIM HIS BOTTLE
A BABY'S POOP SMELLS LIKE RICE GRUEL.

WHAT HAPP-END
IN YAGI-SEN-SEI'S CLASS-ROOM ?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S SO QUIET.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
DO YOU NEED SOMETHING,
SENSEI?
IT'S JUST SO QUIET...
NO...
MMOW.

MEOW.
MEOW.
MEOW


MEOW.


MEOWWWWWW!

WHAT ON EARTH ...
WAS THAT ?

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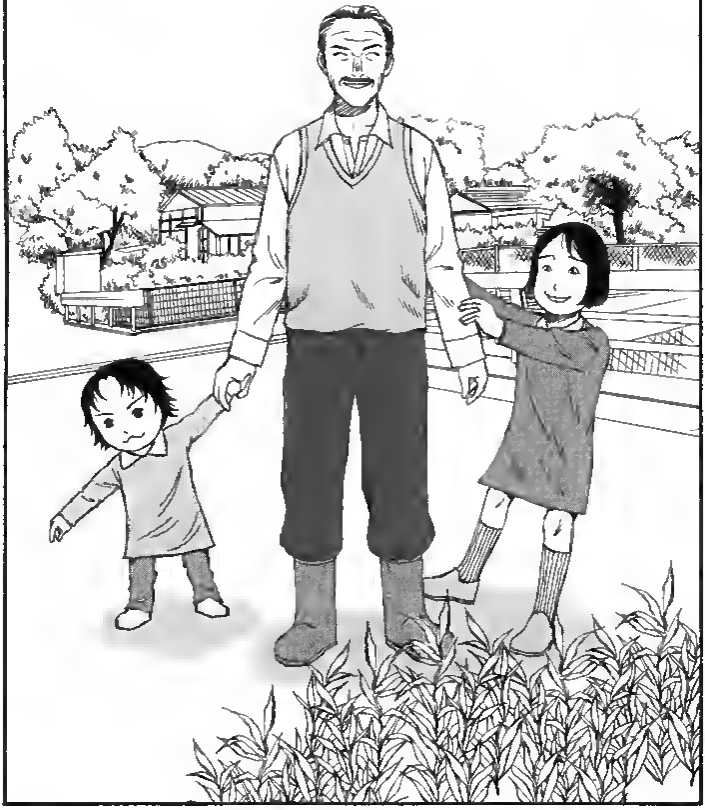
27. HARUNA'S CONFESSION

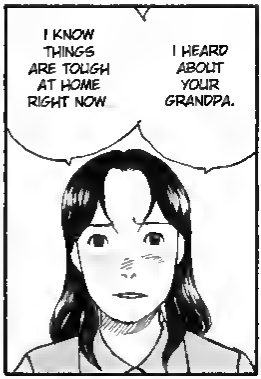


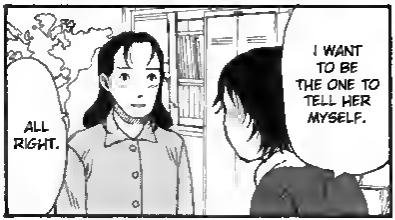
THE TEACHERS!
GOOD-BYE, SENSEI!
SHH!
GOOD-BYE!
GOOD-BYE!
GOOD-BYE, SENSEI!
YAGI-SENSEI'S CLASS SURE HAS CHANGED
IT'S SO SUDDEN!
THAT'S A GOOD THING, THOUGH, ISN'T IT?
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT

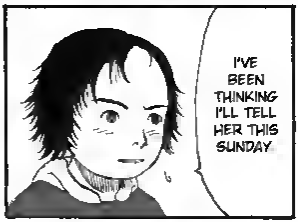
HIRO-YUKI...
THAT REALLY MIGHT HAPPEN
MAYBE SHE'LL GET FIRED ...
D'YOU THINK YAGI-SEN'LL GET IN TROUBLE IF ANYONE FINDS OUT?
TO GO SEE YAGI-SEN RIGHT NOW
I'VE GOT
YOU SKIPPED YOUR TURN LAST TIME
COME WITH US TO THE SECRET HIDEOUT!
DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT HERE.
SHH!
HANG IN THERE. YOU'RE A DAD NOW.

WHERE'S THE BABY?
TAMA@ AND THEM TOOK HIM TO THE SECRET HIDEOUT.
FOR ONCE I GOT A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.
THANKS FOR TAKING THE BABY LAST NIGHT
I HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD BE SO MUCH WORK.
....
KEEPING IT A SECRET FOREVER ...
BUT WE CAN'T KEEP ON

.....
IF YOU WANT ME TO,
I CAN GO TALK TO YOUR MOM ABOUT IT, HARUNA

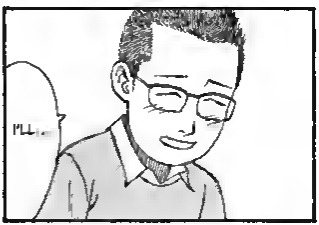

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR GRANDPA.
I KNOW THINGS ARE TOUGH AT HOME RIGHT NOW


I WANT TO BE THE ONE TO TELL HER MYSELF.
ALL RIGHT.

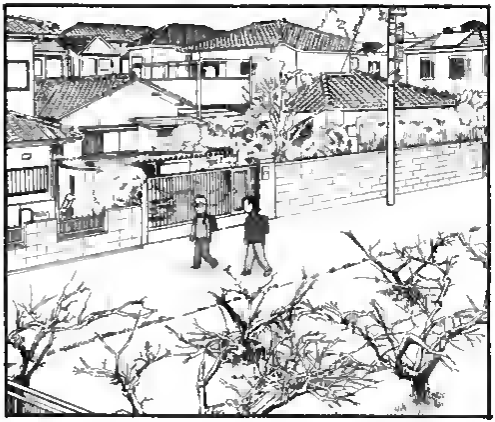

I'VE BEEN THINKING I'LL TELL HER THIS SUNDAY

TELL MY PARENTS
THIS SUNDAY ...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, HIRO-YUKI?


I'LL...

I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN THE GROWN-UPS FIND OUT ...



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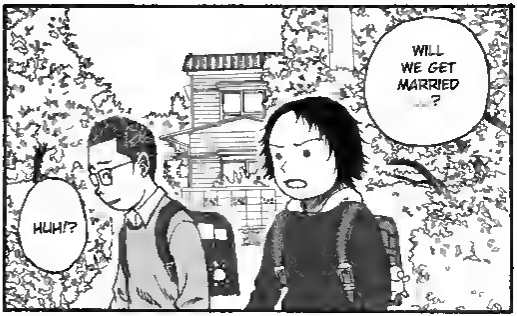
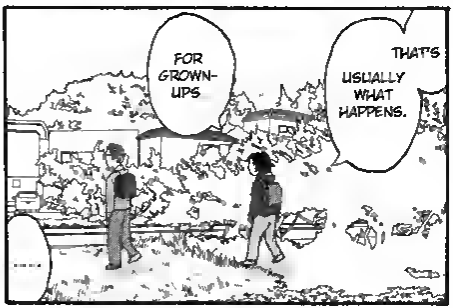

WILL WE GET MARRIED ...?
HUH!?

HIRO.
DO YOU EVEN LIKE HAJIME?

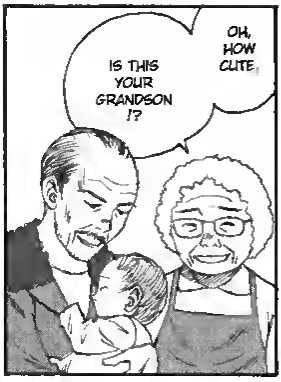

FOR GROWN-UPS
THAT'S USUALLY WHAT HAPPENS.
....

IT JUST
DOESN'T REALLY FEEL LIKE HE'S MY KID...
.....
I LIKE HIM.
.....
HA-RU-NA!
THE BABY !
THE BABY !
HARUNA!
HE TOOK THE BABY !!
WHAT !?

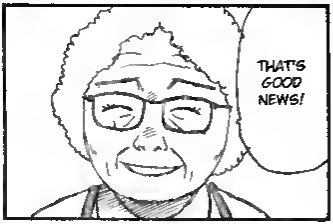
IT WAS YOUR GRANDPA ...
YOUR GRANDPA ...
GRANDPA!!
SORRY...
HARUNA
SO I THOUGHT YOU MUST HAVE ALREADY TOLD THE GROWN-UPS.
HE WAS ACTING TOTALLY NORMAL ABOUT IT,
MY HEIR!
THE HOUSE ...

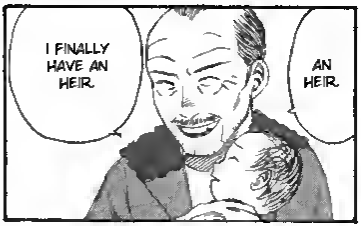
HARUNA (
!
EVERYONE'S LOOKING FOR HIM.
HE WENT MISSING AROUND NOON...
HAVE YOU SEEN GRANDPA ?
HUH ...?
WATCH THE HOUSE!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING !?

THE GROWN-UPS ARE ALREADY LOOKING FOR HIM.
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO...?
IF THEY FIND HIM FIRST
THEY'LL WANT TO KNOW WHOSE BABY IT IS ..
FIND HIM BEFORE THE GROWN-UPS DO!
ANY IDEA WHERE HE COULD BE, HARU-NA?
ANYWAY, LET'S SPLIT UP AND LOOK FOR HIM!


OH, HOW CUTE.
IS THIS YOUR GRANDSON !?

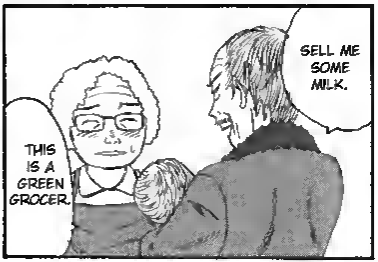
八百八青果店


THAT'S GOOD NEWS!

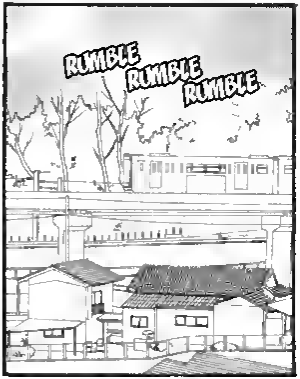

I FINALLY HAVE AN HEIR.
AN HEIR.

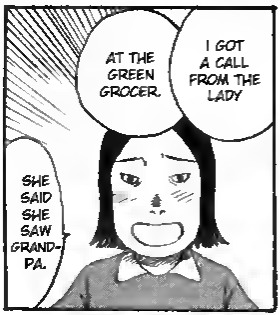
八百八青果店

WAH!


SELL ME SOME MILK.
THIS IS A GREEN GROCER.

HI!

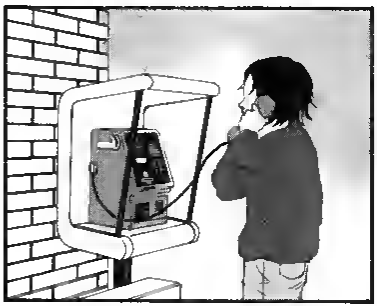

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


I GOT A CALL FROM THE LADY
AT THE GREEN GROCER.
SHE SAID SHE SAW GRAND-PA.

HEY!

HAVE YOU FILED A POLICE REPORT?
I GUESS I'D BETTER.

HOW'S
IT GOING ?

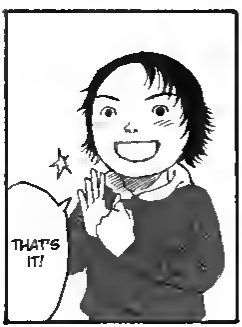


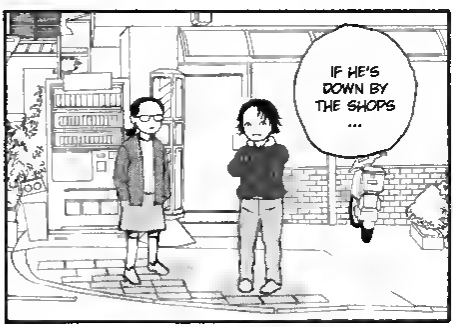
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HANGING AROUND HERE AT THIS HOUR!?
TEACH-ERS!

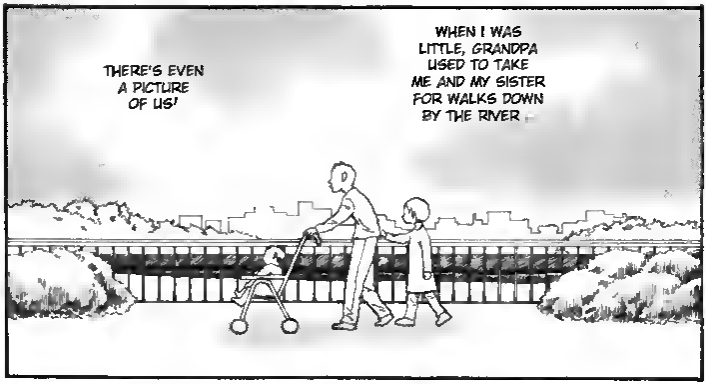
I'VE GOT NEWS!
THE LADY AT THE GREEN GROCER SAID SHE SAW YOUR GRANDPA WITH A BABY!
GREAT!
I'LL BE THERE SOON.

HEY! COME BACK!
RUN!

IF THE TEACHERS CATCH US, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP LOOKING!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

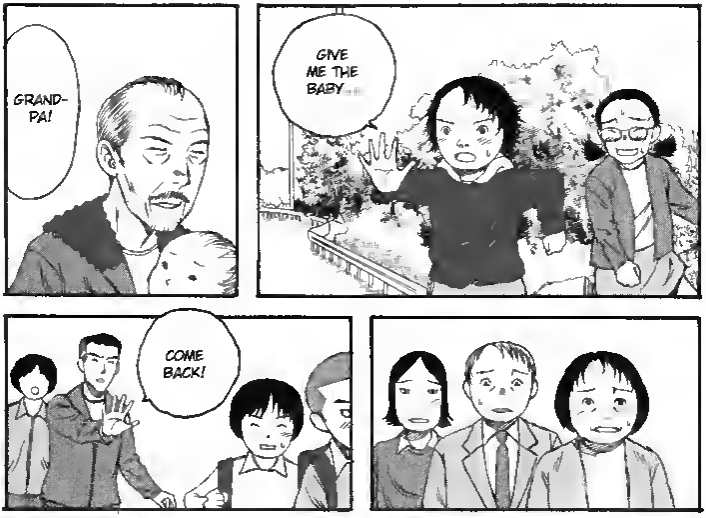

THAT'S IT!


IF HE'S DOWN BY THE SHOPS ...


THERE'S EVEN A PICTURE OF US!
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, GRANDPA USED TO TAKE ME AND MY SISTER FOR WALKS DOWN BY THE RIVER...

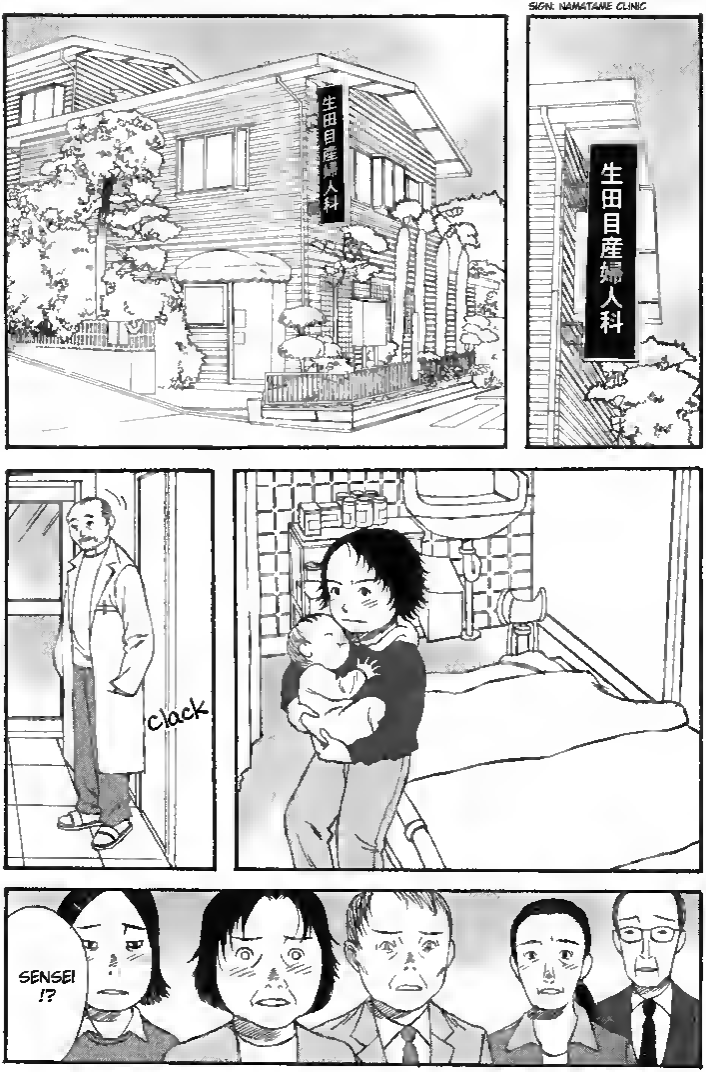
HURRY!

GRANDPA!


GRAND-PA!
GIVE ME THE BABY...
COME BACK!

GRANDPA!
WHOSE BABY IS THAT !?
Sigh
Wah
HEY!
WHOSE BABY IS THAT !?
Wahhhhhh

HE'S
MINE.
?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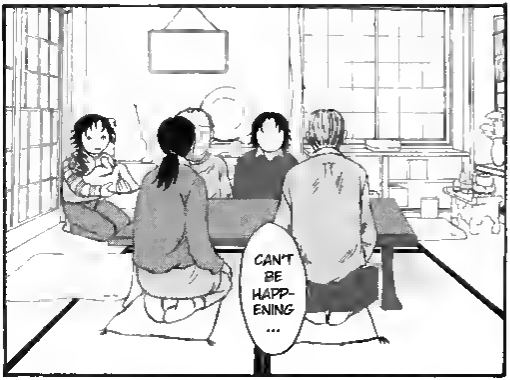
SENSEI !?

I...
FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE MYSELF,
AFTER EXAMINING HER,
I CAN CONFIRM THAT HARUHA-CHAN HAS GIVEN BIRTH.
WHAAAAAT...?
WHAT...?
IT CAN'T BE!

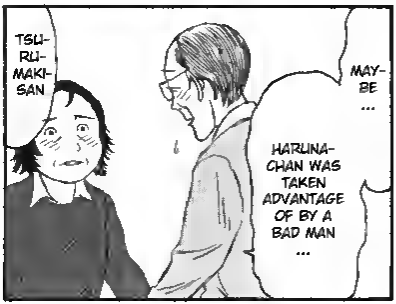
WITH ONLY THE OTHER CHILDREN TO HELP HER!
SHE GAVE BIRTH OUT IN THE SHED,
ACCORDING TO BOTH MY SON AND HARUNA-CHAN,
WHAT ...?
OOH ...!
OOH ...
IMPOSSIBLE ...
THAT'S ...
I.. I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE. .
WAHHHH

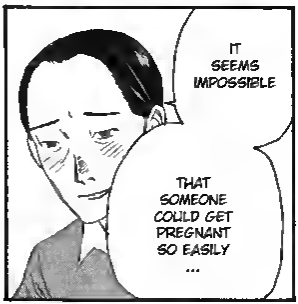

CAN'T BE HAPP-ENING ...

THIS ...

BEFORE WE WERE FINALLY BLESSED WITH HIROYUKI
WE TRIED FOR 6 YEARS TO HAVE A CHILD...

IS THE BABY REALLY HIROYUKI'S?
TSU-RU-MAKI-SAN ...

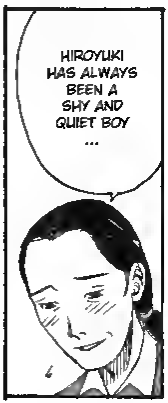

TSU-RU-MAKI-SAN
MAY-BE ...
HARUNA-CHAN WAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY A BAD MAN ...


IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE
THAT SOMEONE COULD GET PREGNANT SO EASILY ...

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT HARUNA AND HIROYUKI-KUN ARE THE PARENTS
28. DADDY HIROYUKI

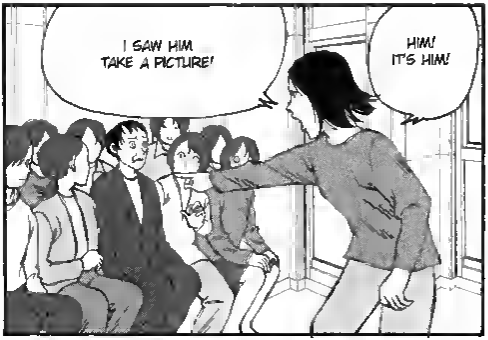
YOU MAKE IT SOUND AS IF HARUNA ...

TSURU-MAKI-SAN ...!
WHEN THEY PLAY, HARUNA IS ALWAYS BOSSING HIM AROUND ...


HIROYUKI HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SHY AND QUIET BOY ...

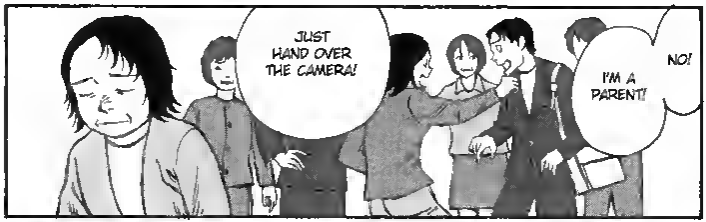
SIGN: EMERGENCY PTA MEETING
PTA臨時総会
DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YAGI-SENSEI'S SEX ED LESSONS?
THAT WAS AFTER HARUNA HAD ALREADY BECOME PREGNANT,
SO WE CAN CONFIRM THAT IT IS NOT RELATED.

THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE COMMUNI-CATION.
HIT PUBERTY !
BUT THIS MEANS THAT THE SEX ED LESSONS HAPPENED AFTER THE CHILDREN
NOT RELATED ?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
I MEAN, IF HIROYUKI OF ALL PEOPLE...
IT COULD HAVE BEEN MY CHILD.
THERE MUST BE PROBLEMS AT HOME
IT'S ONE THING FOR A TEACHER NOT TO NOTICE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FAMILY?
BUT THE NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS DOESN'T MATCH THE LIST OF PARENTS.
LIM
SORRY TO INTERRUPT


I SAW HIM TAKE A PICTURE!
HIM! IT'S HIM!

SOMEONE HERE DOESN'T BELONG!

HAND OVER YOUR CAMERA!
YOU'RE WITH THE PAPER, AREN'T YOU!?


JUST HAND OVER THE CAMERA!
NO! I'M A PARENT!

THAT BABY DIDN'T LOOK LIKE YOU AT ALL.
I KNEW THE MOMENT I FIRST SAW YOU
IT'S NOT YOUR BABY. IT'S NOT.
I'M HOME.
EVEN YOUR MESSY HAIR WAS JUST LIKE MINE
YOU HAD DADDY'S EYES AND MOMMY'S NOSE.

TODAY WHEN I CAME OUT OF THE OFFICE,
THERE WAS A REPORTER WAITING FOR ME.
YOU DIDN'T
HOW DID THEY FIND OUT ...?
THEY DIDN'T RELEASE OUR REAL NAMES, DID THEY?
THE WHOLE NEIGHBOR-HOOD KNOWS!
WE CAN'T STAY HERE ...
DNAは
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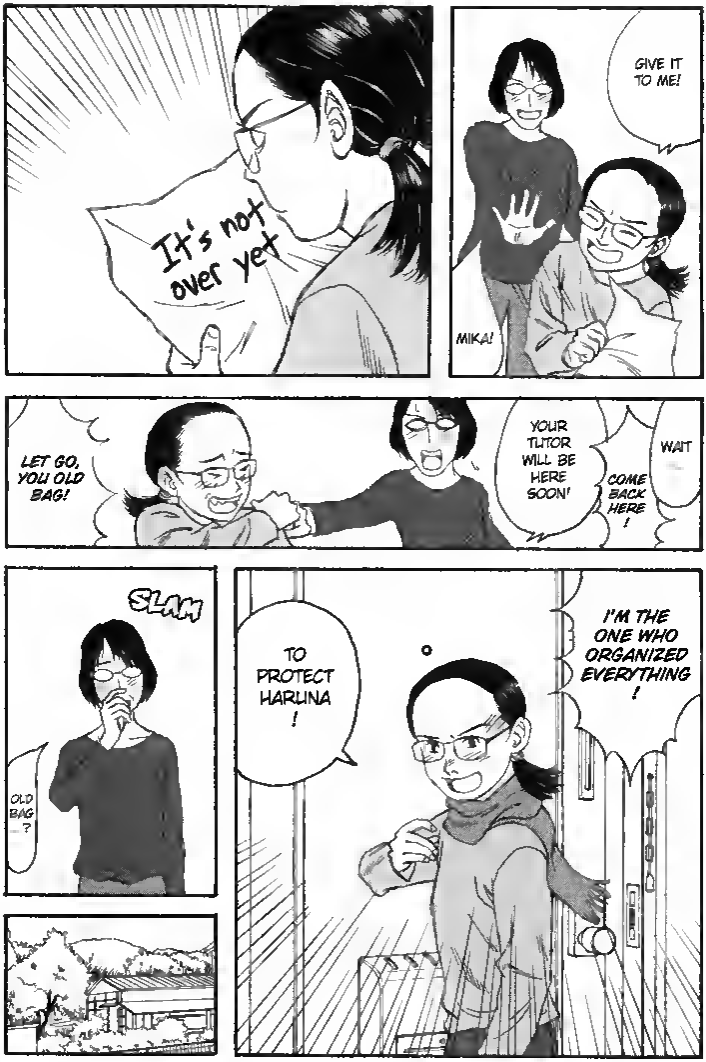
THE TSURUMAKIS AREN'T EVEN ANSWERING THE PHONE ANYMORE
YOU TWO WERE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS
IT MAY NOT BE HIRO-YUKI'S "FAULT",
BUT THIS BABY HAS HALF OF HIS DNA
AND THIS KID IS GOING TO HAVE TO GROW UP HERE WITH EVERYONE'S EYES ON HIM.
POOR THING
THIS AREA IS STILL SO TRADITIONAL

HARUNA!!
IS THAT YOUR BABY!?
GRAND-PA.
?
I'M ASA-MI!!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!?

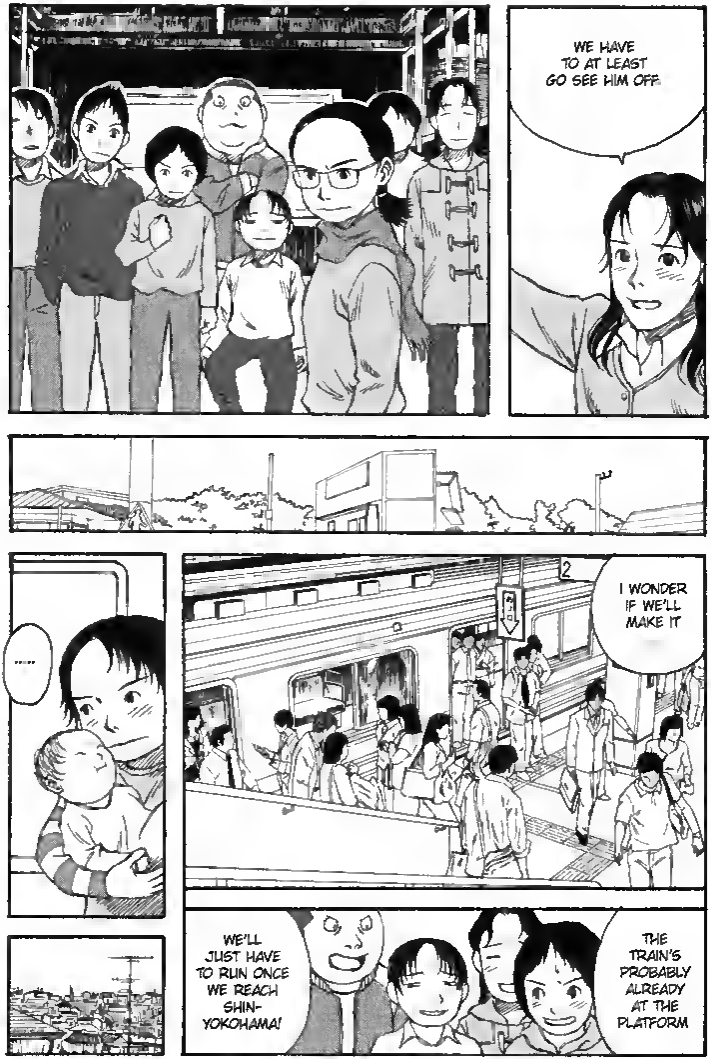
GRANDPA
THERE IS NO SHAME IN MAKING A CHILD
CHILDREN ARE A TREASURE.
THAT OLD FOOL TAKA-BATA
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT'S HIS MISTRESS'S CHILD.
CHILDREN ARE A TREASURE

THEY'RE TRYING TO BLAME IT ALL ON YOU AS THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
WHAT AN AWFUL SCHOOL
IT WAS SO MUCH FUN TAKING CARE OF THE BABY.
YOU HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME!
WE WERE ALL SO EXCITED
I'M GOING TO ASK YOUR TUTOR TO COME AN EXTRA HOUR EVERY DAY STARTING THIS WEEK.
IT'S OVER
A FAX !?
IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
Vrrrrrr
clack
clack
clack


It's not over yet
GIVE IT TO ME!
MIKA!
LET GO, YOU OLD BAG!
YOUR TUTOR WILL BE HERE SOON!
COME BACK HERE!
WAIT
SLAM
OLD BAG?
TO PROTECT HARUNA!
I'M THE ONE WHO ORGANIZED EVERYTHING!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
I SAID THAT...
CREAK
SO HERE I AM...

DID YOU HEAR, MIKA?
HIROYUKI'S MOVING
STARE
AND GOING TO HIRO-SHIMA ...?
HE'S LEAVING THE BABY ...?
THEY'RE LEAVING ON THE 4:30 TRAIN TO HIROSHIMA
YAGI-SEN!
HARUNA!
CLATTER


WE HAVE TO AT LEAST GO SEE HIM OFF.
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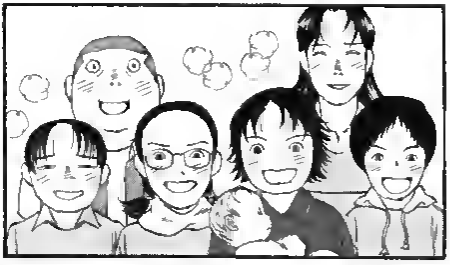
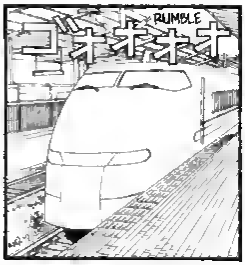
I WONDER IF WE'LL MAKE IT
.....
THE TRAIN'S PROBABLY ALREADY AT THE PLATFORM
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO RUN ONCE WE REACH SHIN-YOKOHAMA!

新横浜
しんよこはま
Shin-yokohama
...
...
I DOUBT WE'LL EVER COME BACK TO TOKYO
NOZOMI 55 BOUND FOR HAKATA HAS ARRIVED AT PLATFORM 3
HEY!

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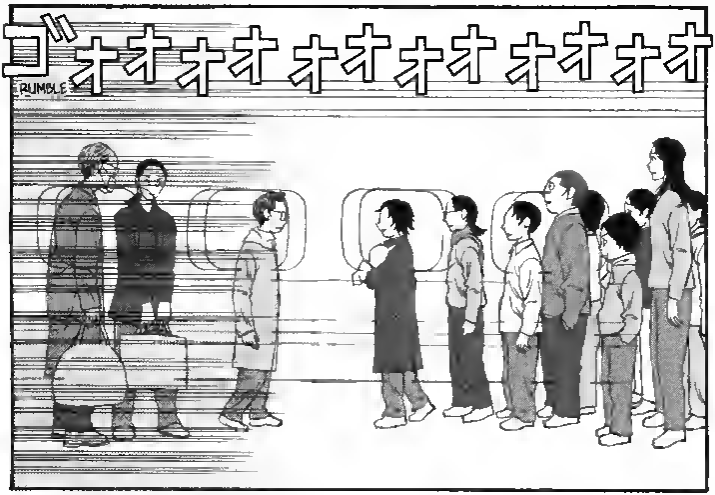
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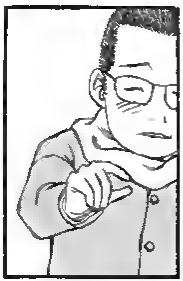
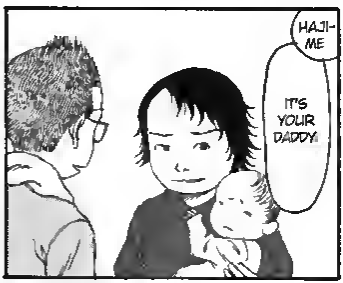
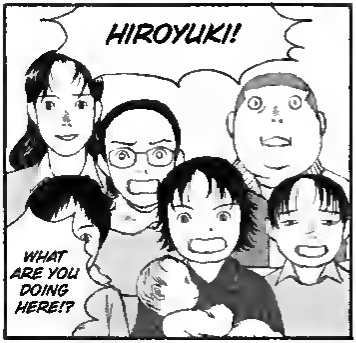


WE'RE BOARDING, HIROYUKI.


HAJIME
IT'S YOUR DADDY.

Squeeze
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I DIDN'T WANT. THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE EXCEPT YOUR TEACHER.
GOOD GRIEF
WE'RE BOARDING, HIROYUKI !!

HIROYUKI!
NOZOMI 55 IS LEAVING THE STATION
HIRO-YUKI?
HIRO-YUKI,
DON'T DAWDLE!
SHOOO


HIROYUKI!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?

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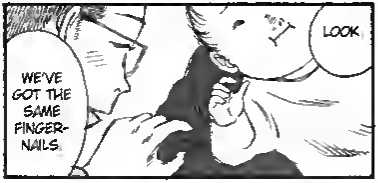
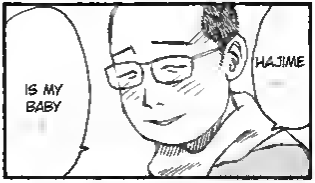

LOOK
WE'VE GOT THE SAME FINGER-NAILS


HAJIME
IS MY BABY

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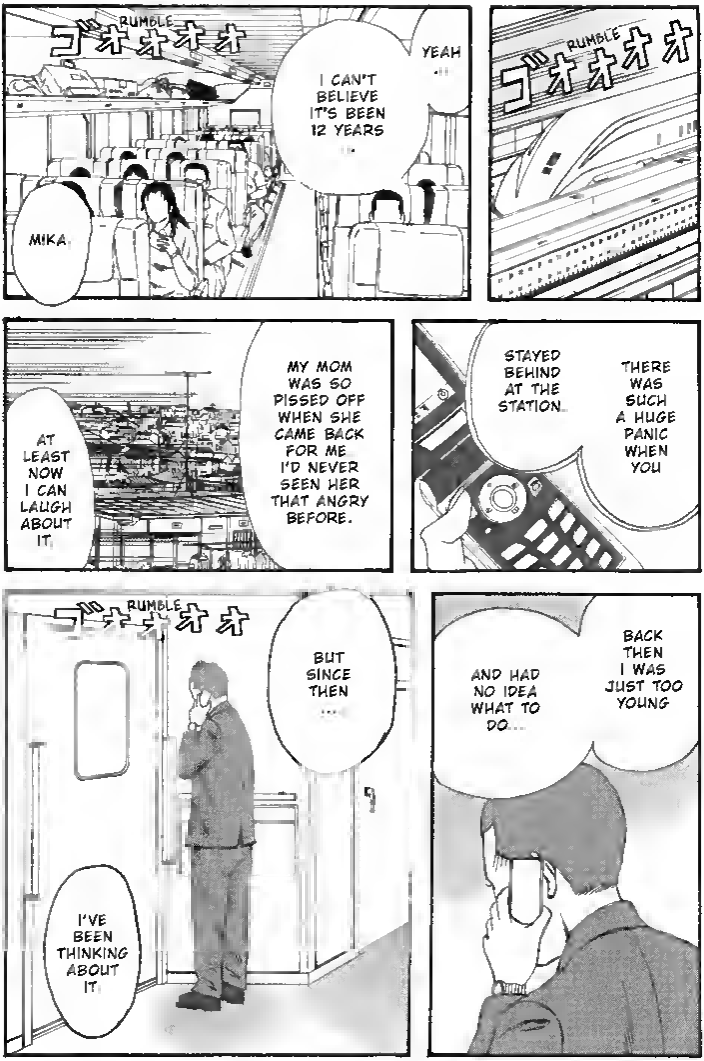
RUMBLE
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MIKA...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN 12 YEARS...
YEAH...
RUMBLE
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AT LEAST NOW I CAN LAUGH ABOUT IT.
MY MOM WAS SO PISSED OFF WHEN SHE CAME BACK FOR ME I'D NEVER SEEN HER THAT ANGRY BEFORE.
STAYED BEHIND AT THE STATION...
THERE WAS SUCH A HUGE PANIC WHEN YOU
RUMBLE
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I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT.
BUT SINCE THEN...
AND HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO...
BACK THEN I WAS JUST TOO YOUNG

29. AN ADULT'S CHILD
IT'S BEEN TWELVE YEARS ...
SHIN YOKOHAMA

WHY WERE YOU TWO FIGHTING ?
MOCHIDA ?
THE WORLD'S BIGGEST HORNDOG
AND HE CALLED ME
THE SON OF THE HORNIEST KIDS IN THE WORLD
HE CALLED ME
WELL, YOU BOTH GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO YOU, THEN...

THIS IS MY SECRET HIDEOUT.
FOLLOW ME.
KEEP OUT
ALL MY MOM'S FUNNY OLD TOYS ARE HERE, TOO.
WOW, THIS PLACE'S COOL!
IN HERE
FOR SOME REASON I CAN REALLY RELAX

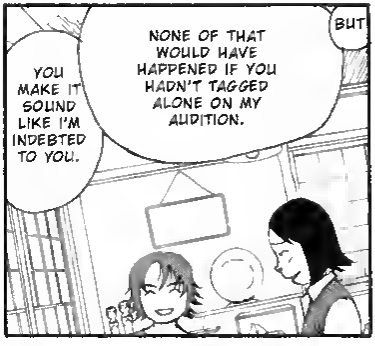
THERE'S OLD PICTURES, TOO
I USED TO WISH THIS GUY WAS MY DAD,
BUT I GUESS NOT...
UN-FORTUN-ATELY, IT'S THIS KID...
WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE ME...

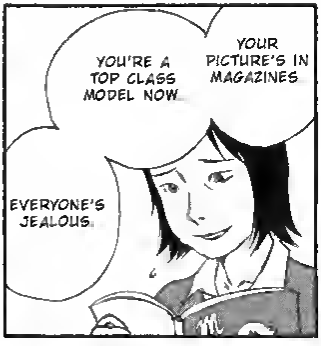
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
AND THAT'S A WRAP!
PTA?
SORRY
I'VE GOT A PTA MEETING.
HARUNA-CHAN, DON'T YOU WANT TO CELEBRATE?

I'D LIKE FOR THE TEACHERS
TO PARTICIPATE IN GATHERING SIGNATURES.
WE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU, MOCHIDA-SAN.
SECONDED !!
THEY'RE PARENTS, TOO, AFTER ALL!
MO-CHI-DA-SAN.
CAN I ASK YOU A COUPLE QUESTIONS ABOUT GETTING SIGNATURES ?
SURE !

WE'VE ALREADY EATEN.
NO PROB.
I'M HOME!
HEY!
I CAN'T WORK IF I'M INJURED, YOU KNOW!
HE HE!
WAH!
HA-JIME!
YOU HAVEN'T CLEARED AWAY THE DISHES YET!
I WAS JUST GO-ING TO DO IT!
TAKE THAT!
OOOH! I GIVE UP!

ANOTHER FIGHT WITH THE HUBBY?
I'M JUST HERE FOR MY CLASS REUNION, DUMMY.
SIS!
HEY
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HOME?
WOW!!
HAS IT BEEN 5 YEARS?
Meeting at the hideout
4PM Yagi-sen's coming too!!
FROM THE OLD GANG.
ANYWAY, YOU GOT A FAX.
SO MUCH HAPPENED.
I'VE BEEN SO WORN OUT LATELY, BUT I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS
BUT THAT WAS THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE.
DON'T BE SILLY.

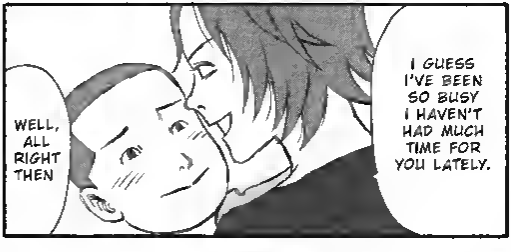

YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I'M INDEBTED TO YOU.
NONE OF THAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HADN'T TAGGED ALONE ON MY AUDITION.
BUT


EVERYONE'S JEALOUS.
YOU'RE A TOP CLASS MODEL NOW.
YOUR PICTURE'S IN MAGAZINES

WHY ARE YOU SO SNUGGLY ALL OF A SUDDEN ?
I WANNA SLEEP WITH YOU TONIGHT

HEY, AREN'T YOU TOO OLD FOR THIS?
I WANNA HUG

HOT


WELL, ALL RIGHT THEN
I GUESS I'VE BEEN SO BUSY I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TIME FOR YOU LATELY.

GRANDPA,
GRAND-MA,
THANKS TO YOU AND ALL OUR ANCES-TORS,
ON THIS LAND
ARE ABLE TO LIVE HERE
ME AND HAJIME
HARUNA

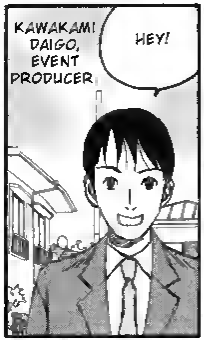
MIKA!
TAMA! MAYU!
ASAKURA MAYU, T CITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT.
MARUYAMA TAMA, SALES REP FOR Y LIFE INSURANCE.
LONG TIME, NO SEE
I, LIKE, SEE YOU IN MAGA-ZINES ALL THE TIME NOW
THINGS SURE HAVE CHANGED.
WHEN WE SOLD OFF THE LAND AFTER MY GRANDPA DIED, I ASKED FOR THE SHACK TO BE LEFT INTACT
KEEP OUT

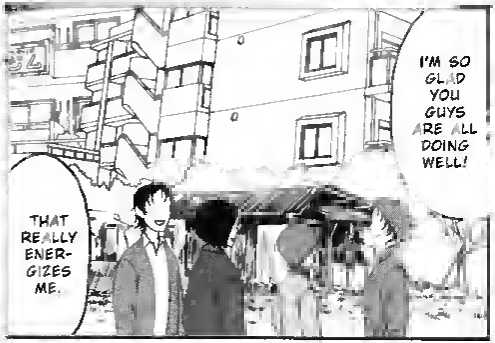
THEN I DECIDED TO TRY MY HAND AT SELLING SOMETHING A LITTLE CHEAPER AND MANAGED A 100 YEN SHOP.
BUT I QUIT THAT JOB LAST YEAR

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE GRADUATION, MIKA?
YOU WERE SELLING CARS, WEREN'T YOU?
YEAH.
I MADE A LOT OF MONEY THAT WAY AND LEARNED A LOT ABOUT SELLING LUXURY GOODS.

YOU'RE REALLY MAKING YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE...
SO ARE YOU!

AND OPENED A NATURAL FOODS STORE IN APRIL.
THAT'S WHAT I'VE REALLY WANTED TO DO.


KAWAKAMI DAIGO, EVENT PRODUCER.
HEY!


I'M SO GLAD YOU GUYS ARE ALL DOING WELL!
THAT REALLY ENERGIZES ME.

NAMATAME MITSUO, 6TH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT AT K UNIVERSITY.
LONG TIME, NO SEE.
KUBOTA MANSAKU, SALES REP FOR T ELECTRICAL
WHAT'S UP?
PIGMAN, THAT SUIT DOESN'T SUIT YOU AT ALL!
YAGI-SEN!
YAGI KIYOKO, PRINCIPAL OF TAMA FREE SCHOOL
IT'S BEEN AGES.
COME ON.
LET'S GO INSIDE
AND AT MY AGE, TOO.
I'M DUE THIS MONTH
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

HUH!?
HA-JI-ME-CHAN!?
I'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR AGES
N-NO...
HARUNA ...DID YOU ARRANGE THIS!?
I KNOW THIS PLACE.
MOM...
I THINK

OF COURSE YOU DO.
AFTER ALL,
YOU WERE BORN HERE.
THIS PLACE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.
EVEN THE AIR'S THE SAME.
IT'S LIKE WE'VE GONE BACK IN TIME.

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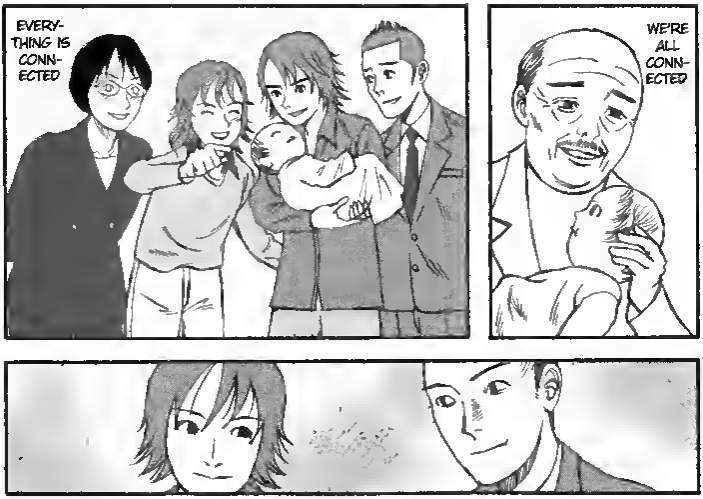
ALLY
...
I
DIDN'T
TELL
YOU
...
BUT WE
HAVE
ANOTHER
SPECIAL
GUEST.
SPE-
CIAL
GUEST
?
IT'S
ACTUALLY
.
SORRY
FOR NOT
TELLING
YOU.
LONG
TIME
NO SEE
.
... I'M
BACK.
HIRO...
YUKI...

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU, HAJIME
THIS IS...
YOU SURE HAVE GROWN!
MY DAD, RIGHT?
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN ...
YAGI-SEN
ARE YOU CRYING ?
OOH ...
OOH ...
AND I GUESS ...
MY BABY WANTS TO COME OUT AND SEE YOU, TOO.
OH NO!
CALL A TAXI!!
DAD,
WE'RE HEADING OVER THERE RIGHT NOW. IT'S AN EMER-GENCY.

SIGN: NAMATAME CLINIC
生田目産婦人科
DOESN'T THIS BRING BACK MEMORIES?
YEAH.
I'LL NEVER FORGET THE WAY YOU SCREAMED, HARUNA.
YOU GUYS ALL HELPED ME.
HELD MY HANDS
HIROYUKI AND DAIGO
NGH!

THE REASON I CAME BACK TO TOKYO
IS 'CAUSE I WANT TO START OVER.
THE BABY'S HERE!
A HEALTHY BABY GIRL
CLICK
WOW!
YAGI-SEN SAYS
SHE'S GOING TO NAME HER
HARU-NA!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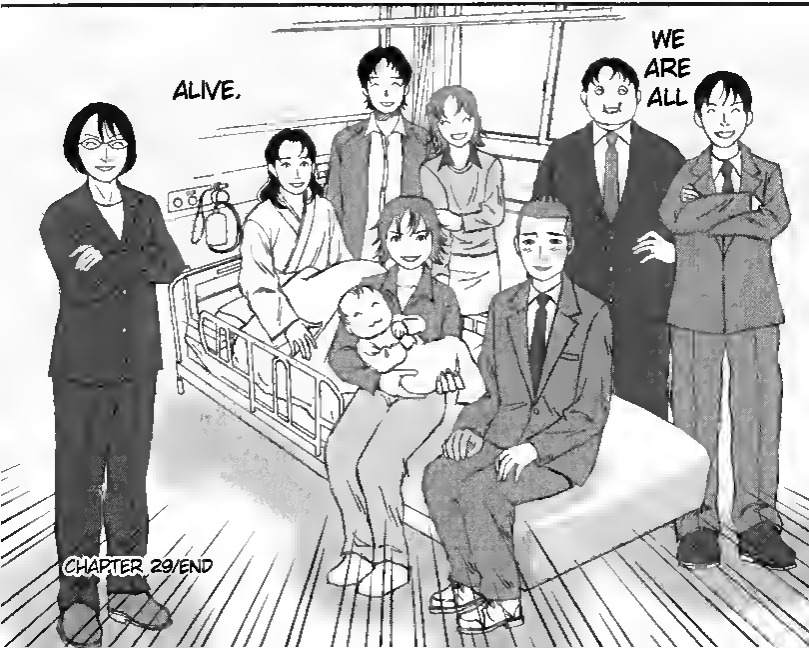
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5TH GRADERS HARUNA AND HIROYUKI HAVE BEEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE THEY MET AT THE PARK AS TODDLERS. IN SPRING OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, THE TWO WERE PLAYING TOGETHER IN THE PARK WHEN THEY DECIDED TO EXPLORE EACH OTHER'S PRIVATE PARTS AND "STICK IT IN". HARUNA ENDS UP PREGNANT. WHEN CLASS REPRESENTATIVE MIKA FINDS OUT, SHE URGES HARUNA TO GET AN ABORTION. HOWEVER, HAVING FELT THE BABY INSIDE HER, HARUNA DECIDES TO GO THROUGH WITH THE PREGNANCY. MEANWHILE, THEIR TEACHER, YAGI-SENSEI, IS IN DANGER OF LOSING CONTROL OF THE CLASSROOM. AMIDST ALL THIS, HARUNA REALIZES SHE'S ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH...